



## Andrews would make better Minister – Hartcher

**Shadow Minister for the Central Coast Mr Chris Hartcher has said that Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews would have made a better Minister for the Central Coast than new appointee Mr Ian McDonald.**

Mr Hartcher said Mr McDonald lived almost 300 kilometres away from the region.

“Rather than elevate the retiring Member for Gosford or bring back unpopular MLC John Della Bosca, the Central Coast has been lumped with a Minister whose dubious history raises questions about what he’s doing back in the Cabinet in the first place.

“How is the Central Coast supposed to get a fair go when the

closest our new Minister is likely to get is a flyover on his way home?”

“Ian McDonald has a reputation for one thing and one thing only – his incredible long lunches at taxpayer’s expense,” Mr Hartcher said.

Mr Hartcher said: “Earlier this year, former premier Nathan Rees dumped the then Minister for Primary Industries after the NSW Opposition revealed the Minister’s Wine Industry Research and Development Advisory Council spent a shocking \$150,000 on lunches and travel to those lunches including a \$24,000 lunch in Mildura – which isn’t even in NSW.”

**Press release, 8 Dec 2009  
Chris Hartcher, Shadow Minister for the Central Coast**



## Dredging starts after two years

**The dredging of Ettalong channel has started, almost two years after the issue was first brought to the attention of Gosford Council.**

The council’s director of city services Mr Stephen Glen said work was still expected to be finished by Christmas despite minor delays due to poor weather conditions.

Mr Glen said extended hours would be worked to ensure the project was completed in time for Christmas and the busy boating season.

The dredging process itself will involve sweeping sand from the navigational channel to the ocean side of the Ettalong Shoal.

The sweeper dredge will be operating in the channel during daylight hours when weather and

ocean conditions are suitable.

The works will take place at the northern end of Broken Bay near Lobster Beach.

According to Mr Glen, dredging is required as sand from the Ettalong shoal has encroached into the navigational channel in recent years.

“This has resulted in a loss of depth in some sections of the channel, as well as changes in the configuration of the channel marker buoys,” Mr Glen said.

“Dredging of the channel will improve conditions for vessels navigating through the entrance to Brisbane Water.”

Peninsula News first began reporting on the dredging issue in June 2007 after the Department of Lands commenced plans to dredge the area on the request of council.

The project was delayed several times before council called on the State Government to foot the bill in March last year.

An 18-month stalemate between council and the State Government followed, with each denying responsibility for funding the project.

In the end, Gosford Council accepted the State Government’s offer to contribute 50 per cent on the basis that it was not considered a precedent.

**Clare Graham, 9 Dec 2009  
Interviewee: Stephen Glen, Gosford Council  
Press release, 2 Dec 2009  
Alison Hood, Gosford Council**

**For more details on the dredging issue go to page 5**

## Stabbing arrest

**A 28-year-old Umina man has been arrested over the stabbing of a young woman in Umina on December 1.**

Police were called to a home in Donald Ave, Umina, around 11.20pm on December 1, following reports of a stabbing.

Police arrived at the scene and discovered an 18-year-old woman with lacerations to her neck, head, hands and chest.

The woman was taken by

ambulance to Gosford Hospital in a serious but stable condition, where she underwent surgery.

The man was arrested at Hamilton train station by police from the Broadmeadow Commuter Crime Unit the following day.

He was taken to Newcastle Police Station before being taken to John Hunter Hospital to undergo surgery for knife wounds sustained to his hand.

**Press release, 3 Dec 2009  
NSW Police Force**

## Chamber welcomes tourism appointment

**The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has welcomed the announcement of newly appointed chief executive officer of Central Coast Tourism Mr Oliver Philpot.**

“The appointment of Oliver Philpot came following a strong response from a range of both national and international candidates,” said chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

Mr Wales said it was understood that one of Mr Philpot’s first jobs would be to undertake a “comprehensive review” of Central Coast Tourism and its operations.

“As part of this review, we hope that CCTI will ensure that the

Peninsula has a greater role in the overall strategic plan and that small to medium size operators have a greater say in the direction that CCTI takes in the future,” Mr Wales said.

“We also see it is imperative that membership entry levels for small to medium size tourist operators are made more affordable and that avenues to provide constructive input are provided.”

Mr Wales said: “Mr Philpot’s appointment came as result of the departure of the previous chief executive officer Horst Endrulat earlier this year.

“Mr Endrulat did a great job and the chamber was very sorry to see

him leave after his strong support for local tourism and particularly the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival.

“However, Mr Philpot appears to have an impressive range of tourism skills at national, state and regional level which secured the CCTI Board’s support.

“The Peninsula Chamber is looking forward to working with the new CEO and to cement the well-established relationship between the organisations.”

Central Coast Tourism chairman Mr Barton Lawler said Mr Philpot would contribute a great deal of experience to the top job.

“Oliver quickly demonstrated his impressive set of skills and

experience in the tourism industry at the national, state and regional levels and drew a high level of appeal amongst the board members for the position,” Mr Lawler said.

“We are fortunate to have someone who displays a strong mix of passion for the industry and our destination, as well as strong leadership experience across a variety of tourism management disciplines.”

Having worked in the tourism industry for around 10 years, Mr Philpot has experience in a variety of domestic and international marketing roles including director of international marketing for Tourism

Queensland and Australian product manager for Virgin Blue Holidays.

He also pioneered the “Great Sunshine Way” international marketing campaign, raising the profile of Southern Queensland in international markets, and was heavily involved in the “Best Job in the World” campaign that received worldwide acclaim for its innovation and cut through, according to Mr Lawler.

**Press release, 3 Dec 2009  
Ginnie Thompson,  
Central Coast Tourism  
Press release, 6 Dec 2009  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

# Competitions - Win Win Win

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Entries close Thursday, January 7, 2010.

Clare Graham, 8 Dec 2009



## Dry start to December

**It has been a dry start to December on the Peninsula with falls of 7.4 and 7.5mm on the first two days of the month, but none since.**

The figures, recorded by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy, compare to an average for the month of 77.9mm.

If another 43mm is not recorded by the end of the year, this month will be the driest December for five years.

This would mean that four of the last five months would fall into the

same category.

This year the Peninsula has had the driest August, September and November for five years.

However, even without more rain, the Peninsula will finish the year with a total of 1069mm, more rain than in 2005 and 2006 when the totals were 1015 and 1020mm.

Another 146mm is needed to bring the total up to the yearly average of 1215mm.

Spreadsheet, 11 Dec 2009  
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

## New children's store

**A new children's clothing and accessories store has opened in Trafalgar Ave, Umina.**

Bubs 2 Grubs offers a pram-

friendly store featuring new and pre-loved children's wear, according to owners Peta Saley and Marina Paciano.

The store was formed by the two mothers who met through a local mothers group.

They discovered there was nowhere to buy "different" clothing for their two boys Nate and Shelby, both aged one.

Ms Saley said they set themselves on a mission to secure the best clothing labels and products that were difficult to buy on the Peninsula such as lunch boxes, swimming bags and drink bottles.

Email, 25 Nov 2009  
Peta Saley, Bubs 2 Grubs

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## Winner

**The winner of the KB Thai Restaurant competition has been announced.**

Mr Rod Pilling of Bensville has won a three-course meal for four people at the Woy Woy restaurant.

Clare Graham, 11 Dec 2009

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## High level of homelessness

**A survey of more than 100 Mary Mac's Place patrons has revealed a high level of financial distress and hardship.**

Almost a quarter of them meet the accepted classification of homelessness, according to coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht.

"This is an increase of 10 per cent since the previous survey conducted in June," Ms Schacht said.

"We know from experience that the festive season will be a time of great need for many people and we expect numbers to escalate.

Ms Schacht said the centre existed with the support of the St John the Baptist parish community, St Vincent de Paul Society, Centacare Broken Bay as well as the many clubs, businesses, groups and individuals on the Woy Woy Peninsula who have contributed in some way.

"Without the ongoing support of this community, Mary Mac's Place would find it difficult to continue to provide nourishing meals, shower, laundry facilities, information and referrals to our ever-increasing numbers of people in need."

Ms Schacht said donations were recently received from Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club of \$5000 and \$2000 from Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, through

the Community Development and Support Expenditure scheme.

Mary Mac's Place at 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, will be open Monday to Friday from 11am to 1pm throughout the holiday period, excluding public holidays.

The local service will hold a special Christmas lunch on December 21.

**Press release, 9 Dec 2009  
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place**

## Car boot sale

**The Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula will hold its monthly car boot and mini market sale on Sunday, December 20.**

The Christmas Special will take place between 8am and 1pm at Rogers Park on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Erina St, Woy Woy.

Stall holders will be charged \$10 per stall.

All profits made from the sale will go towards supporting local community groups.

For more information, contact Elmo Caust on 4341 4151.

**Press release, 10 Dec 2009  
Elmo Caust, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club**



An aerial view of Brisbane Water which is expected to be affected by sea level rises (photo courtesy of the Department of Natural Resources)

## Planning affected by sea level rise

**Gosford Council has resolved to adopt the sea level rise planning level of 0.9 metres for the local government area.**

Planning certificates for affected properties will now state the fact.

"The adoption of this planning level has the possibility of affecting the future use and potential of certain land in the vicinity of the coast and estuaries," a report to council by staff stated.

"It is currently difficult to determine with certainty which land that will be.

"Council, however, has a discretionary obligation to advise current and potential land owners that these policies exist."

The sea level rise planning level will act as the basis for council staff to proceed with risk assessment, policy development and strategic planning decisions, according to the report.

"Engagement with community networks and interest groups will be essential as this council adapts and responds with the aim of becoming more resilient to the impacts of climate change.

"This will be an ongoing process and as new information from state agencies is received by council it will continue to be shared with the community.

Meanwhile, council also resolved to place its draft Climate Change Policy on public exhibition

for a minimum of 56 days sometime next year.

"The intention of the draft Climate Change Policy is to clearly outline the extent of Council's commitment to managing climate change risks," the report stated.

"It is also intended to provide assistance in understanding the scope of council's responsibilities with respect to climate change management."

According to the report, key components proposed for implementation of the policy include the preparation and implementation of a Climate Change Mitigation Strategy, participation in the International Council for Local Environment Initiatives' Oceania Adaptive and Resilient Communities program and ongoing preparation and review of studies, plans and strategies relevant to the consideration of climate change risks.

Two information workshops will be offered to interested community members during the exhibition period.

**Council agenda ENV.87 and ENV.89, 1 Dec 2009**



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## Where is the mayor's apology?

**Where is Chris "we haven't lost a cent" Holstein when you need him?**

Gosford Council announces a \$2.5 million loss on the first of the CDO Lehman Brothers notes that it has cashed out.

Missing from council's press release was any reference to our mayor, who earnestly told the ABC 7.30 Report earlier this year that Gosford council's investments

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were sound and certainly not under water.

Rather than council being apologetic however, they are now holding council meetings in secret to discuss this debacle.

The secrecy, covered by so-called "commercial in confidence" issues, appears to be so council

can put the best possible spin on this debacle.

Council claims no services will be affected by the losses, however where is its support for arts and culture and the very popular Five Lands Walk?

Bring on a merger with Wyong Council.

**Email, 28 Nov 2009  
Warren Cross, Wagstaffe**

**More forum pages 19 and 27**

## Hospital built with lamingtons

**The Woy Woy Hospital Alliance is committed to the improved provision of medical services available at your hospital on Ocean Beach Rd.**

If you haven't noticed it or have never needed it, that's great, but if in the future you might need it, you had better do something about it now.

Our hospital was first considered in 1958 when approximately 17.5 per cent of our population was over 60 years of age.

Now that the hospital is being downgraded, twice that number (35 per cent) of the population is over 60.

In any event, the hospital is

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intended to cater for the general health needs for all ages.

On average it cost the profit of a dozen lamingtons for each brick.

Thank goodness for the carefully managed card nights, bus trips and raffles, organised by the Ladies Auxiliary, their partners and customers.

Would you believe it?

Our health reps North Sydney Central Coast Health, and sadly some of our sitting political reps, have downgraded the services previously available at Woy Woy by closing the rehabilitation ward, and moved beds and exercise equipment to Kanwal.

A courtesy bus for visitors is provided on three days per week from Woy Woy Hospital to Kanwal and return - of course "wonderful".

It's frustrating to be stuffed around by experts but to be stuffed around by others is degrading.

Our meetings attract 40 to 60, mostly older people, and we need your support.

This is not a lobby for money! Your support will cost you nothing.

Your lack of support may well cost you your hospital.

Our postal address is PO Box 242 Woy Woy.

Please write for further information.

**Letter, 25 Nov 2009  
Marjory Cleere, Umina**

## Ejected into summer heat

**As summer warms up and the days get longer, one of the most enjoyable activities many families and individuals enjoy is a swim at the wonderful Peninsula Leisure Centre.**

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While it is great to be able to swim at 5am or 9pm, Monday to Friday, many people are hit with the stark reality of the centre shutting down at 5pm on the most popular time, the weekend.

This is a ludicrous situation especially during daylight savings when the temperature is still usually around 30 degrees and everyone is enjoying respite from the heat but they are ejected.

**Email, 9 Dec 2009  
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy**

## Working to bring a community together

**I would like to respond to a letter by Katie Smith of Umina (23 Nov 2009).**

In the letter, Katie Smith made a number of inaccurate claims which deserve comment.

Firstly, Sharon Martin of the Umina District Chamber of Commerce did not launch an attack on Cr Vicki Scott.

Sharon responded to an article from Cr Scott in another publication and that article was referenced in Sharon's response.

Cr Scott did not mention Sharon Martin but referred to the presidents of the Umina and Terrigal chambers being Liberals and present in the chamber gallery during the debate.

Sharon Martin responded as president on behalf of the Umina chamber.

Sharon Martin did not state that she was apolitical, as claimed by Katie Smith.

As president, she accurately stated that the Umina District Chamber of Commerce is apolitical.

The festival committee is made up of people with different political beliefs and the money from council and other generous sponsors will be used for the Umina Festival.

Council has asked for and will receive audited accounts from the festival committee.

Perhaps Katie Smith should

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put forward a balanced and more informed argument.

A good start would be to read the article from Cr Scott and the response from Sharon Martin before making inaccurate comment.

Would it not have been good form for Katie Smith to reveal her own political following in the same article?

Further, in the article, Katie refers to Sharon Martin's Chamber of Commerce.

A Chamber of Commerce belongs to its members and the president is put in place to manage that chamber on behalf of its members.

The president does not own a chamber.

Finally, support for a festival in Umina was also given by councillors Laurie Maher and Craig Doyle, not members of the Liberal party as far as we are aware.

As for Cr Holstein opening carols in the park, Cr Holstein is mayor of the City of Gosford and it is entirely appropriate that the mayor should open a community event.

This really is just local people working hard to bring a community together for a great family day out.

**Email, 30 Nov 2009  
Kevin Doidge, Umina**

## Name request finally decided

**As I was going to Woy Woy Station yesterday morning, I picked up a copy of the Peninsula News and found on page nine the article Masson Lane is Named (30 Nov 2009).**

I have been asking Gosford Council for many years to name this laneway after my grandfather

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and it was only this year they had decided they may call it Ford Lane.

As you can image, I saw red and finally I see in your newspaper they are going to call it Masson Lane.

I would have thought council had the decency to write telling me of this decision, which I am thrilled about and brought tears to my eyes when I read it in your paper.

Thank you.

**Online submission, 3 Dec 2009  
C Dobbin, Killcare**

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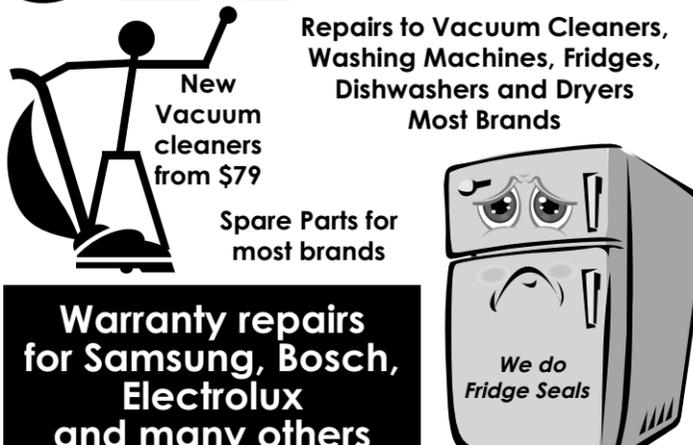
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# Look at future funding - Chamber



An aerial view of the entrance channel to Brisbane Water where dredging is being completed (image courtesy of Google Maps)

**The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is calling on Gosford Council to consider looking at long-term funding options to ensure future dredging can be carried out with ease.**

"The current works will certainly ensure that the channel is navigable in the short to medium term," chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said.

"However, we would urge the council to look at long term funding options to ensure that monies are available to continue the channel dredging into the future.

"Clearly the dredging needs to be undertaken every five to six years.

"Therefore council should ensure that monies are budgeted into the future so that we don't have a repeat argument with the NSW State Government on shared funding.

"The Palm Beach Ferry link to the northern beaches is vital for our fragile tourist industry on the Peninsula so we cannot afford to have silting of the channel threaten this service or other recreational

craft activities.

"It is really important that council enter into constructive dialogue with the State Government to secure future funding."

However, council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen said council had no plans to fund future dredging works in Brisbane Water.

He said the current dredging works were agreed to on the basis that it was a "one-off" contribution and future dredging works would be the responsibility of the State Government.

Council's former coastal and estuary manager Cr Peter Freewater said the Brisbane Water Management Plan currently being drafted would highlight a number of actions specifically to dredging and investigate funding options to support these actions.

"This Plan will provide guidance on how council should proceed," Cr Freewater said.

"However, council should be seeking to use every opportunity to lobby the State Government to provide all future funding for dredging.

"At present, dredging in Brisbane Water is a shared responsibility

between council and the State.

"I have always argued this fact and have been proven correct.

"However, I believe that the State Government should provide all future funds for dredging and council should be working towards such a goal.

"It is an extremely expensive activity and local ratepayers should not be burdened with the cost.

"To realise such a goal may take considerable lobbying and time.

"Time was not a luxury we had in regard to the entrance channel.

"If I was the State Member for Gosford, I would see that all future dredging was funded by the State.

"Brisbane Water is arguably our greatest asset.

"Not just for its natural resource value but as our major tourist destination.

"If it continues to become unnavigable then our economy will continue to suffer."

**Press release, 8 Dec 2009  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Clare Graham, 9 Dec 2009  
Interviewee: Cr Peter Freewater, Gosford Council**

## Navigation advice during dredging

**NSW Maritime has issued a navigation warning for all vessels using the entrance to Brisbane Water with start of dredging.**

The area involved runs from Little Box Head, past Lobster Beach and through the channel to Half Tide Rocks, according to Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol publicity officer Mr Ron Cole.

"The dredging operations and associated works may be carried out 24 hours a day for 7 days a week," Mr Cole said.

"The tug Betts Bay and the associated barge will undertake the dredging and its operations may constitute a hazard to navigation."

Mr Cole said the dredging was expected to take place right up until Christmas.

He advised "extreme caution" when boating in the area throughout the period.

"Coastal Patrol welcomes the dredging that will reduce the dangers associated with crossing the bar at the entrance to Brisbane Water," Mr Cole said.

"Skippers are reminded that a speed of four knots must be maintained when within 100 metres of the tug, barge or any floating plant in the area, and vessel wash must be kept to a minimum.

"Vessels must pass on the correct side of the dredge in accordance with the lights and shapes displayed by the dredge (the safe side will show diamond shapes or green lights)."

**Press release, 2 Dec 2009  
Ron Cole, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol**

## Freewater: 'I won'

**Cr Peter Freewater is pleased that dredging will be completed on the Ettalong channel before Christmas.**

As council's coastal and estuary manager from 2002 to early 2008, Cr Freewater was responsible for investigating navigation concerns in the entrance channel to Brisbane Water in 2007.

Cr Freewater said he soon discovered that the channel had become dangerous and required dredging.

"In cooperation with senior council staff, the then Department of Lands and NSW Maritime, I coordinated the preparation of a dredging plan, a Review of Environmental Factors and a licence undertake the work," Cr Freewater said.

"I prepared a report to council recommending that dredging

be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

"The report was backed by NSW Maritime, Lands and council's director of city services.

"However, this advice was disregarded by council.

"I soon resigned in frustration.

"I was invited to run for council in the September 2008 election and the dredging issue became one of the issues I stood for," Cr Freewater said.

"Once elected, I continued to fight council to commit to the dredging and eventually I won that fight."

**Clare Graham, 9 Dec 2009  
Interviewee: Cr Peter Freewater, Gosford Council**

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# Chamber disappointed at Umina Mall refusal

**Umina District Chamber of Commerce has expressed disappointment at Gosford Council's refusal of an application to redevelop Umina Mall with a mix of commercial, retail and residential development.**

President Ms Sharon Martin "It is fair to say that business, and to some degree the broader community of Umina, are supportive of this proposed re-development.

"However, it is not the role of our chamber to make judgment on the content of the DA or the impact this development may have on the day-to-day activities of residents in the general vicinity."

A determination issued by Gosford Council stated that the application did not comply in a number of ways with the council's requirements.

Ms Martin said: "The non-compliance in the application appears to be extensive.

"This is a significant development application mixing retail commercial and residential and it is always difficult to meet development and planning ordinance design issues, environment considerations, traffic,

parking and noise in an application of this type.

"We look forward to council and the applicant reaching a speedy agreement on the redevelopment of this site."

The application for "Lone Pine Plaza" was refused by council's Independent Development and Environment Panel.

The council's determination stated that the proposal contained a "supermarket-sized general store" and was inappropriately located adjacent to a neighbourhood retail centre.

"The location of the general store of supermarket proportions does not comply with the objectives of the Residential 2(b) zone in that a service to residents wider than the local level is provided and impacts on the medium density residential environment particularly regarding traffic, car parking, loading areas and noise are unreasonable," the notice stated.

"The proposal does not comply with the requirements of Clause 10(4) of the Gosford Planning Scheme Ordinance and DCP 159 Character in that the overall design and layout of the development and location of the supermarket sized

general store is not in accordance with the requirements of desired character for the locality

"The car parking layout and design do not comply with the requirements of AS2890.1:2004 regarding car parking space and aisle width.

"A conflict of delivery and service vehicles with customer vehicles and pedestrians is also created that is unsatisfactory.

"The Statement of Environmental Effects and the overall design has failed to give sufficient regard to the various impacts (eg, noise, odour, traffic, parking and access) of the proposal on adjacent and nearby residential properties."

According to the notice of determination, the design of the proposal had been severely constrained by the existence of the laneways adjacent to the site.

"It is considered that better design solutions will be available if the rear laneways are closed and the site has the benefit of a contiguous parcel and additional land area," the notice stated."

**Letter, 10 Dec 2009  
Peter Wilson, Gosford Council  
Press release, 10 Dec 2009  
Sharon Martin, Umina District Chamber of Commerce**



Susana Mostraj with her newborn baby

## Latino playgroup starts next year

**A new Latino playgroup will be started next year to encourage parents to teach their children the language and culture of their heritage.**

Beachside Family Centre in Umina will run the playgroup every Monday from 9.30am to 11.30am starting on February 1.

"There are over 100 families with young children from Spain and South America on the Central Coast, with the Peninsula a popular spot to settle," centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said.

"We ran a workshop for bilingual parents and because the majority who attended came from a Latino background we thought it would be wonderful to link these families with each other at a weekly playgroup.

"The playgroup will also be open to other families in the community who want their children to experience Latino culture and language.

"Local parent Ms Susana Mostraj, originally from Chile, knows how important it is for her children to have Spanish as a second language and that it will actually help with their other learning.

"Susana will be coordinating the Latino playgroup along with assistance from Marilyn Perez-Cabrera, a local Spanish parent."

For more information, contact Debbie Notara on 4343 1929.

**Press release, 10 Dec 2009  
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre**

## Seeking witnesses

**Crash Investigation Unit Police are seeking witnesses to a single-vehicle crash in which five teenagers were injured at Umina on December 4.**

The crash involved a 2004 Toyota Camry which left Cowper

Rd and struck a power pole shortly after 11.30pm.

Two passengers in the car, a 15-year-old Umina boy and a 15-year-old Woy Woy girl, were trapped within the wreckage for around 90 minutes until crew from NSW Fire Brigades Rescue could

free them.

Anyone who may have information about the crash is urged to contact the Crash Investigation Unit on 8882 1458 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**Press release, 5 Dec 2009  
NSW Police Force**

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## Repairs to beach track

**Gosford Council is expected to start repairs on a beach access track along Ettalong Beach Foreshore this week.**

The beach access is located near the viewing platform at Picnic Pde.

"The stairs along the Ettalong foreshore fall into disrepair on a regular basis and for public safety council is forced to close the access ways until they are repaired," media

officer Ms Alison Hood said.

"The beach access near the viewing platform at Picnic Pde was closed temporarily last week while a solution on how to best repair the stairs was determined.

"The stairs will be reinstated and several residents in the vicinity have been informed about this work."

**Media statement, 10 Dec 2009  
Alison Hood, Gosford Council**

## Local beaches win awards

**Pearl Beach and Killcare Beach have received highly commended awards at the State Clean Beach Challenge awards ceremony held in Sydney on December 4.**

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW chief executive officer Mr Peter McLean said it was a great achievement for two beaches in one region to be recognised.

"It's a huge achievement for any beach to be recognised at state level in the Clean Beach

Challenge because the competition is getting tougher every year," Mr McLean said.

"But the fact that two beaches received awards in the Central Coast region indicates that the local community and council are doing some really fantastic work."

Pearl Beach received a highly commended award for the prestigious Overall Clean Beach Challenge State Award while Killcare Beach also received a highly commended award for the installation of a cooking oil recycling facility at the Killcare Surf Club.

Mr McLean said the beach and bush environment were greatly valued at Pearl Beach and were tended to through partnerships between Gosford Council, and Bush Care and Dune Care volunteers on a regular basis.

"This small but well known community deserves recognition for the way they have protected the beach in conjunction with the local council, the way they continue to participate in its upkeep and the way they have provided for

community education and activities regarding the beach environment," Mr McLean said.

Mr McLean said Killcare Beach's cooking oil recycling facility processed the cooking oil into biodiesel and also had water harvesting in place and solar heating for hot water.

"The cooking oil recycling facility at Killcare Beach is a great initiative and demonstrates that recycling, resource recovery and community partnerships can achieve positive results for the beachside environment, especially as we head into summer and tourists head to the beach," Mr McLean said.

**Press release, 5 Dec 2009  
Elizabeth Jarrett, Keep Australia Beautiful NSW**



## Oyster lease removal welcomed

**The removal of abandoned oyster leases as the final stage of a clean-up of Hardy's Bay has been welcomed by the local community, according to members of the Hardy's Bay Residents' Group.**

Terry and Kay Feltham have said that the community had endured for too long the "unsightly" appearance of rows of roofing tiles, concrete slabs and other waste materials which had blemished one of the most picturesque outlooks on the Brisbane Water.

According to Mr and Mrs Feltham, the latest stage is well underway with approximately

two-thirds of the project already completed.

"An enthusiastic response by volunteers from the local community has significantly contributed to the current situation," Ms Feltham said.

"Depending on favourable weather and tides, an early 2010 completion date is anticipated."

The local couple were responsible for pursuing the issue several years ago, leading to a State Government grant of \$15,000 for the clean-up campaign.

**Newsletter, 10 Dec 2009  
Allan Wilson, Hardy's Bay Resident's Group**

## Start time

**The last edition of Peninsula News incorrectly stated the time that the Peninsula Choir Christmas Concert would be performed at Umina Library on Thursday, December 17.**

The correct start time for the event is 10.30am.

Clare Graham, 8 Dec 2009

## House named in top 10

**Pretty Beach House has been named as one of Australia's top 10 best beach houses by the Sydney Morning Herald's Traveller magazine.**

The list, compiled by travel writer Ms Sheridan Rhodes, also includes seaside retreats on Hamilton Island, near the Great Ocean Rd in Victoria and Margaret River in Western Australia.

"Owned by ad man John

Singleton, this property brings the Aussie beach house to a whole new level of luxury," Ms Rhodes stated in her review.

"The house, on an escarpment overlooking the beach, features the food of Italian chef Stefano Manfredi, who divides his time between Pretty Beach House and nearby sister property Bells at Killcare."

**Website, 31 Oct 2009  
Sydney Morning Herald**

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Proud real estate agents on the Peninsula join together to acknowledge the importance of their family owned and operated businesses (photo courtesy of Matthew Wales)

## Estate agents work with their children

### Seven Peninsula real estate agents have found that working with their children in a family business has been a rewarding experience.

Bruce Kerr Real Estate located at Woy Woy takes the crown for the longest established real estate agency on the Peninsula, opening its doors in 1938.

Mr Josh Kerr, 24, said he is proud to take a more prominent role in the family-owned business.

Josh joins his parents Bruce and Janet in the business that was established by his grandfather.

"I have a great rapport with my fellow agents and very much enjoy the real estate business that I've been brought up with."

"Our business is responsible for developing some major areas on the Peninsula including Deepwater Plaza," Janet said.

"It is a delight to see folk coming back to us when they need a reliable and dedicated service in selling their home."

Mr Tom Tregent from Raine and Horne, Umina Beach, has been in real estate on the Peninsula for more than 30 years taking on the Raine and Horne franchise in

1990.

Son Andrew established a second Raine and Horne agency in Ettalong Beach several years ago.

Mr Tregent said it had been a great experience working together on projects.

"Seeing the continuity of these well established family businesses shows the depth of respect we have for one another and the strength of our office we have established on the Peninsula and I am certain this will continue into further generations" Mr Tregent said.

"The fact that our businesses have endured shows the success of the old style way of doing business.

"You can't be successful if you don't have integrity and respect of one another in the real estate industry."

Ray and Aaron Shipley of Ray White, Umina Beach, agree that it's a "hard business to be in" and without that respect for one another, it just makes it that more difficult.

Ray, with more than 25 years experience in the industry, said

real estate was both a satisfying and challenging business to be involved in since it involved meeting new people and building strong relationships with clients.

Meanwhile, Ms Betty Donovan of LJ Hooker, Woy Woy, said she was "very proud" to have daughters Sharon, Linda and Kerry as well as grandchildren Scott and Rebecca working together in the business.

"It is wonderful to see three generations of our family working together in real estate on the Peninsula," Ms Donovan said.

"It is definitely an interesting industry to be involved in and the challenges we face keep us on our toes.

"But we have seen a promising year in the industry following the Global Financial Crisis and I'm sure other agents can say the same."

Tony Lilja from GJ Jackson, Ettalong Beach, with daughter Liz Sharpe, has also reported a positive year in sales.

"We are lucky to have such a great location to offer potential buyers with so many benefits to the area including the close proximity to the water, relaxed atmosphere and abundance of local facilities,"

Mr Lilja said.

"I've also been a part of the progress of Ettalong Beach town centre because I knew it would be good for business as well as developing a wonderful place to live.

"But having my daughter work by my side is just the icing on the cake."

Mr Michael Quilkey worked alongside his father Albert Quilkey at Wilsons Real Estate, Woy Woy, when he was younger.

Still with the same company, he is now working with his two sons Andrew and Greg

Mr Quilkey said the area possessed a good sense of community while offering affordable housing prices close the beach.

"We have had a bumper year. "But we are looking forward to another successful year."

Mr Quilkey's wife, sister and brother-in-law also work from the Woy Woy office.

Mr John Schoonbeek of Goodsell Real Estate, Umina Beach, agrees that it has been a wonderful experience to have his son, Josh, join him in the industry.

"Having been in the business

for more than 17 years, I saw it as a great opportunity for Josh to join me."

Ms Debra Wales of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce commented: "To have seven well-established real estate agents having their sons, daughters and grandchildren joining them in the family business is truly amazing."

Clare Graham, 10 Dec 2009

Press release, 10 Dec 2009

Debra Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

### CHRISTMAS BUSH

As you drive around the streets of the Peninsula, you may see blazes of red color jumping out at you from the gardens.

At this time of year, the *Ceratopetalum gummiferum*, otherwise known as the NSW Christmas bush, is responsible for this wonderful display.

It is not the flowers that provide this splash of Christmas colour, it is the Calyx of the flower which generally shows around October or early November depending on the season.

The Calyx is the outer buds of the flower which help protect the developing flower, hence its name derived from

Latin, to cover or hide. To grow this fine tree, you must have a well drained but moist position in sun or semi shade.

Annual feeding with a slow release fertiliser along with applications of Iron Chelates and regular watering closer to flower will help provide an abundant show of deep red in December.

For flowering purposes, Pruning of the tree should only be carried out in late December or early January as the flowers set on old year wood.

*Ceratopetalum gummiferum* can be pruned back quite hard and will respond well for next season's crop if timed correctly.

Propagation is by seed or cuttings, however, as the intensity of the red coloration can vary from very pale to deep red in seedling-grown plants, propagation from cuttings is the preferred method to prevent genetic variation.

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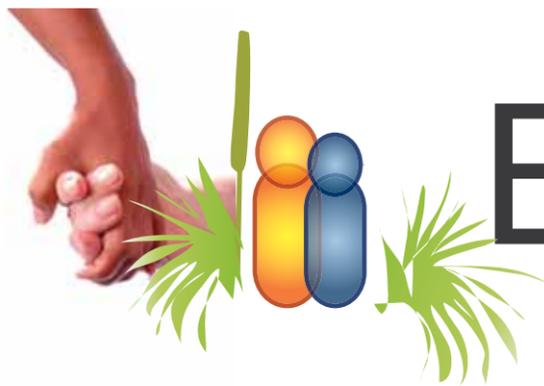
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Who: Girls and boys 5 -13 yrs  
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2 day Terrigal or Umina  
When: 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 09  
18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Jan

Cost: 4 day \$120.00  
2 day \$ 70.00  
Who: Girls and boys 10yrs +

Contact: Nick Leslie  
✉: nick.leslie@gosford.nsw.gov.au  
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What's On



## skate stuff

### Skate Clinics

There's no better time to learn the basics and more on this fun, safe two day clinic. Slam down and hit the parks.

Where 'n' when:

East Gosford	12 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan
De La Salle	19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>

Time:

Beginner :	9:00 <sup>am</sup> - 12:00 <sup>pm</sup>
Intermediate:	12:30 <sup>pm</sup> - 3:30 <sup>pm</sup>

Who: Girls and boys 6yrs +

Cost: \$70.00

### Bad Boy Summer Skate Jam

Back with a vengeance, back with more attitude. Bad Boy and Gosford City Skate School are back for more. Skate with the pros sessions will run throughout the day for skateboards, scooters and bmx's.

Professional demos, live music, prizes, give aways and a sausage sizzle too.

Sessions are free but bookings are essential. Pick up some new tricks and skate with the pros.

When: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Time: 10:00<sup>am</sup> - 2:00<sup>pm</sup>

Cost: Free

Where: De La Salle Skate Park

Who: Anyone

☎: 4325 8123

## wet stuff

### Holiday Slide Times

Thrills and spills as you plunge down our splashtastic slippery slides.

PLC:

When: 10:30<sup>am</sup> to 11:30<sup>am</sup>  
12:30<sup>pm</sup> to 1:30<sup>pm</sup>  
2:30<sup>pm</sup> to 3:30<sup>pm</sup>  
4:30<sup>pm</sup> to 5:30<sup>pm</sup> weekdays only

GOP:

When: Mon, Wed, Fri  
Time: 11:00<sup>am</sup> - 3:00<sup>pm</sup>

### Squads - Stroke Correction

School carnivals are just around the corner. Be a winner and get the edge with our national accredited coaches

When:

Freestyle:	12 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan
Backstroke:	13 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>
Breaststroke	14 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>
Butterfly	15 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>

Where: GOP or PLC

Time 8:00<sup>am</sup> - 9:30<sup>am</sup>

Cost: \$10.00 per person

### Water Polo Skills

Girls and boys you are invited to try our newest clinic. It's a fun, fast paced and exciting Olympic sport.

Complete beginners and current junior players looking to enhance their skills beyond club level this is for you.

When:

PLC: 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> Jan  
GOP: 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>  
Time 9:30<sup>am</sup> - 12:30<sup>pm</sup>  
Cost: \$25.00

Save \$5.00 with our special offer. Combine both stroke correction and polo skills lesson for just \$30.00

### Learn to Swim

This intensive program is designed to help progress your child's swimming ability over a short period of time. Lessons are 30 minutes long between 9 am and 12 noon.

Peninsula Leisure Centre & Gosford Olympic Pool:

When:	Week 1:	4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan
	Week 2:	11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>
	Week 3:	18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>

Who: Girls and boys all levels.

Cost: \$55.00 per week

## patrolled beaches

### Patrolled Beach Locations

Beach: Terrigal, Avoca Umina Beach  
Time: 7:00<sup>am</sup> to 7:00<sup>pm</sup>

Beach: N. Avoca, Copacabana  
Mac Masters, Killcare,  
Ocean Beach, Wamberal.

Time: 9:00<sup>am</sup> to 6:00<sup>pm</sup>

When: Mon to Fri - School Holidays

Please remember:

- Always swim or surf at patrolled beaches.
- Swim between the red and yellow flags. No flags, no swim.
- If we cant see you we cant save you!
- If you get into difficulty raise you're arm stay calm and yell for assistance.
- If you are unsure of conditions ask the lifeguard in attendance.
- Read and obey the signs and directions from the lifeguard or lifesaver.
- Never run and dive into water as the depth changes regularly.
- Children should be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek & Slide.

For further information ask our friendly Gosford City Council Professional Lifeguards, for a beach safety leaflet. You can see our safety messages on Prime & 104.5 Star FM.

## coming soon

### Super Kids

Super Kids is a fun, active, educational program for children aged 2 - 5 years. Designed to promote core areas of development, cognitive skills and more.

Get 10% off the 9 week term, simply register and pay in full before the 2<sup>nd</sup> February .

When: Term 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb  
Tues, Wed, Fri

Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Cost: \$71.28 this term

### Junior Soccer Comp

We are kicking off with 8 week junior fun based soccer competitions.

When: Saturday morning 30<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Wednesday afternoon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Cost: U10's = \$20 per team  
U12's = \$25  
U15's = \$30



Health



## Information about relay

**An information night about next year's Cancer Council Relay for Life event on the Peninsula was held at Ocean Beach Surf Club on November 20.**

The Peninsula Relay for Life has been renamed Brisbane Water Relay for Life and has been set for March 13 to 14 at Woy Woy Oval.

Relay chair Mr Lincoln Poole said the information night was an opportunity for people to find out about the relay.

"It's also important to consider the Cancer Council's health messages when selecting fundraising ideas.

"For example, rather than doing a chocolate drive or selling bottles of wine, you could consider fundraising by selling fruit and veggie boxes, sunscreen and hats, seedlings and bulbs or hold a fun event such as a fun run or walk, bike ride or surf trip."

The committee's next information and registration night will be held on February 17, at Ocean Beach Surf Club from 7pm.

"The Brisbane Water Relay committee will be handing out sunscreen and giving people information about the event at the Australia Day waterfront

celebrations at Woy Woy," Mr Poole said.

"Registrations are being taken right now for next year's event.

"Get in early to register for the event at the 2009 price of \$11.

"Registrations from January 1 will be \$15 per person and \$20 per person after the early bird close date of February 26."

For further information on Relay for Life or to register a team, contact Cancer Council NSW on 4336 4500 or visit [www.relayforlife.com.au/nsw](http://www.relayforlife.com.au/nsw)

**Press release, 8 Dec 2009  
Lesley Chart, Cancer Council NSW**

## Memorable year at Peninsula Village

**Peninsula Village Retirement Centre in Umina has had a successful and memorable year, according to chief executive officer Ms Terri Parker.**

"As 2009 draws to a close Peninsula Village Retirement Centre, in its 34th year of operation, celebrates yet another exciting, successful and fun-filled 12 months," Ms Parker said.

"The 450 residents, 320 staff members and 45 volunteers are all busy preparing for the festive season with many Christmas celebrations and exciting events taking place."

According to Ms Parker, some of the highlights for the retirement

centre this year have included the installation of a \$250,000 generator to ensure all residents remain safe during power shortages and other emergencies, the opening of a 12-bed dementia wing, winner of the Employer of the Year Award for School Based Traineeships and Brisbane Water Secondary College students completion of their first year of school-based traineeships.

Ms Parker also acknowledged the centre's accreditation until 2012 and the successful organisation of events throughout the year including the Central Coast's inaugural Memory Walk to raise money for Alzheimer's Australia.

**Press release, 9 Dec 2009  
Terri Parker, Peninsula Village**

**The Salvation Army has been given 344 gifts under a Christmas appeal tree at a Woy Woy shopping centre.**

The gifts will be distributed to children who face the prospect of going without a gift.

Woy Woy Kmart collected the gifts and is hoping to pass last year's tally of 2226 gifts before Christmas, according to Salvation Army major Gary Masters.

Major Masters said while it was encouraging to see so many

people giving generously to this year's appeal, people needed to continue giving right up until Christmas Eve.

"People of all ages need our support but gifts for boys and girls aged 10 to 12 years are especially welcome, as this is the age group that is often most difficult to buy for at Christmas.

"Possible gift ideas for these children include books, clothing, games, toys and sports equipment.

"The process for donating is

simple.

"Presents only need to be placed under a Christmas Wishing Tree located at the front of all Kmart stores along with a gift tag from the tree to identify the age and gender appropriate for the gift.

"Gifts do not need to be purchased from Kmart.

"The stores simply act as facilitator to ensure as many gifts as possible reach those in need this Christmas."

**Press release, 9 Dec 2009  
Rod Jago, Sefiani Communications**

## Glasses will be recycled

**Peninsula residents have contributed 324 pairs of glasses as part of the national OneSight Foundation**

**collection drive.**

Woy Woy optometrist Mr Doug Kirby said the glasses collected at OPSM Woy Woy would be donated to developing countries worldwide.

"All glasses were repaired and recycled in store, before being sent to developing countries to help some of the 250 million people worldwide who cannot see, simply because they cannot access or cannot afford basic eye care."

Mr Kirby said the OneSight Foundation was a global not-for-

profit organisation dedicated to improving vision for those in need both here locally and worldwide through a number of programs.

"During the overseas clinics, which take place in developing countries such as Thailand, India, Mexico and South America, volunteers hand-deliver free vision care and recycled eyewear to hundreds of thousands in need around the world," Mr Kirby said.

**Letter, 9 Dec 2009  
Doug Kirby, OPSM Woy Woy**

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**Woy Woy Dental Centre**

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## Store raises \$3780 for charity

**A local fast food store has raised more than \$3780 for charity.**

Woy Woy McDonald's restaurant raised the money as part of its McHappy Day in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities on November 14.

Woy Woy licensee Mr John

Ursino said \$1400 of the total amount raised came from cash donations given to the store.

Ronald McDonald House Charities seeks to brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their families.

**Media statement, 9 Dec 2009  
John Ursino, McDonalds Woy Woy**



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**Gnostic Healing Sanctuary Woy Woy - 4342 0434**

# Christmas outing for Aged Care

## Residents of Woy Woy Community Aged Care had a Christmas outing last week.

Retirement centre chief executive officer Ms Jennifer Eddy said: "Residents usually take an annual holiday but this year they decided to stay closer to home so staff organised a special outing, made possible from a generous donation received from our past chairman Albert Quilkey.

"Residents were told they were going somewhere special and they

had to dress up for the occasion.

"The men sent their suits off to the dry cleaners and the ladies selected their best outfits.

"The hairdresser came in early to ensure all the ladies had their hair styled.

"There was an air of excitement when several stretch limousines pulled into the driveway of Woy Woy Community Aged Care.

"After sitting back and enjoying the champagne, and the limousine ride, residents arrived at Villa Sorgenti restaurant where wine,

canapés and a sumptuous three-course lunch was provided. "After much fun and frivolity and entertainment, it was time for the journey home in the limousines.

Just because a person had entered residential aged care, it did not mean they could not still have fun, Ms Eddy said.

"Life's good at Woy Woy Community Aged Care."

**Press release, 11 Dec 2009  
Jennifer Eddy, Woy Woy Community Aged Care**



Woy Woy Community Aged Care resident Marie Kenney enjoying a glass of champagne in the limousine as part of the retirement centre's annual Christmas outing



Movember party revellers enjoying the festivities of the night while raising funds for men's health issues at Woy Woy Leagues Club

# Party for men's health

## More than 450 Peninsula residents attended a Movember party at Woy Woy Leagues Club in support of men's health last month.

Around 460 tickets were sold to the event, making it one of the biggest nights for the club this year, according to event organiser Mr Shannon Dixon.

The Central Coast Movember group raised \$7000 for the Prostate Cancer Council of Australia and

Beyond Blue.

Mr Dixon said the donations and support from local residents and businesses were key to the success of the night.

"Mostie the Postie was voted the Man of Movember Central Coast, while Lana Davis and Jasmine

Leahy were joint winners of Miss Movember," Mr Dixon said.

"Team TSL, the retro tennis players, took out the Best Team Mo title."

**Kimberly Williams, 1 Dec 2009  
Interviewee: Shannon Dixon, Umina Press release, 9 Dec 2009  
Leonie Young, Beyondblue**

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# Christmas tree for dogs

## A Umina pet shop has its own Christmas wishing tree ... for dogs.

Paws on the Coast has set up a Doggie Rescue Wishing Tree to support rescue dogs from Monika's Doggie Rescue Shelter in Sydney.

The store is seeking donations of dog treats, food, flea products, beds and other items for dogs.

Store owner Ms Jody McKinnon said the donations would ensure needy and unwanted dogs at

Monika's Doggie Rescue Shelter felt loved this Christmas.

"Donations will also help Monika's team to rescue more dogs from death row in pounds and shelters during Christmas and the New Year," Ms McKinnon said.

"This Christmas we urge people not to buy pets on impulse.

"They are a big decision that comes with a life-time commitment."

**Press release, 4 Dec 2009  
Jody McKinnon, Paws on the Coast**

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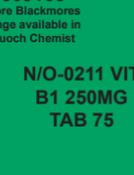
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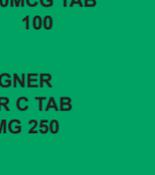
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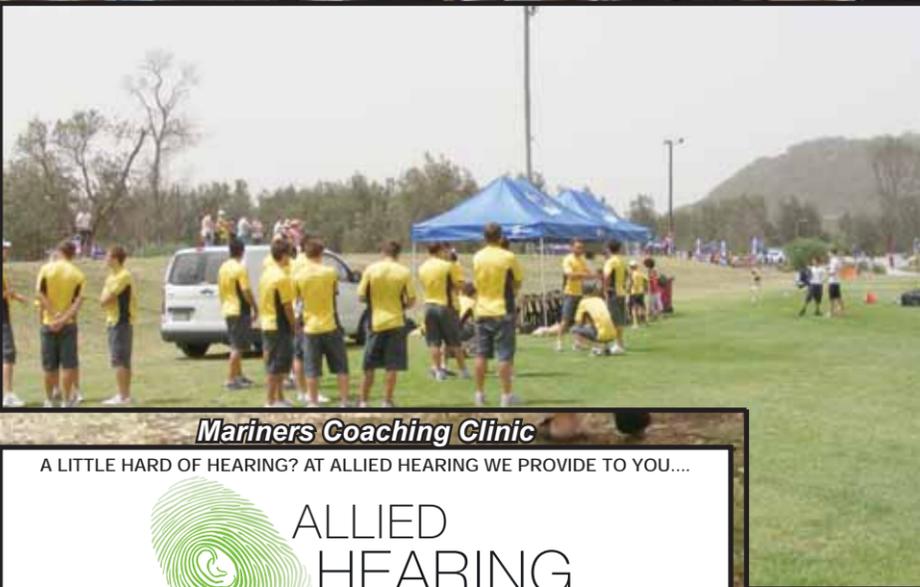
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## Opportunities to be involved

**It was an absolute pleasure to attend Gosford Council's Open Day event with my six-year-old son.**

We listened as mayor Chris Holstein gave a heartfelt and inspiring talk about the project, with emphasis on the importance of us working together to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our families.

My son had a wonderful opportunity to be a part of the soccer clinic with the Mariners – his first real experience with the sport aside from us kicking the ball in the backyard.

We worked together creating a tile to be featured in the playground.

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To give us an opportunity to be a part of the project in this way was truly unique.

I also found out that I could be involved with the bushcare group and bring my son to learn too which is fantastic.

We work together on our little garden at home and it will be lovely to be more involved in the community in a positive way.

Many thanks go to all the behind-the-scenes people who brought about this playground project.

It is a real blessing!

Online submission, 30 Nov 2009  
Sandy Lee Jones, Umina

**The foreign-owned Coca Cola Amatil company which markets tobacco and Coca Cola must be pleased with the two items which Peninsula News published on its education page on November 30: an advertisement for Umina's Finest Tobacconist and a newsletter by the principal of Woy Woy Public School, Ms Oma Buckley, about some building projects at the school.**

Ms Buckley gave primacy to the

### Forum

Cola in her 300 word report.

She dropped the magic word prominently twice in the first two paragraphs.

By 'cola' she means the shelter in the playground named in Gosford Council's development approval as a Covered Outdoor Learning Area.

Gosford Council happily allowed Coca Cola's multimillion dollar advertising man, John Singleton, to sell the naming rights of the multimillion dollar Gosford Stadium to the Coca Cola Brewery, but who

has the right to sell the naming rights of land in a public school?

Our children deserve the best education money can buy but should they be used as a captive audience for subliminal commercial advertising by deceptive use of the English language.

Ms Buckley's word 'cola' will appear 28,000 times in the Peninsula News.

Can kids be coerced into repeating parrot fashion, "the words of one who kneels" or may they call a spade, a spade?

Letter, 10 Dec 2009  
John Collins, Woy Woy

**More forum pages 4 and 27**

## Pollution-free fireworks?

**The Lord Mayor of Sydney is busily promoting Christmas and New Year festivities that include the setting off millions of dollars worth of fireworks.**

During my childhood days I remember how polluting and foul fireworks were.

Are modern fireworks pollution-

### Forum

free or is the bureaucracy being hypocritical at a time when we are being told of a new tax to clean up the environment and reduce our carbon footprint?

Email, 5 Dec 2009  
Brian Noble, Woy Woy

**The traumas in NSW politics are a direct consequence of the electoral system which is responsible for creating the two-party dominance.**

The single-member district system used for the lower house greatly favours the major parties.

Once a major party has won the election, it is virtually assured of a four-year term.

Too bad if it's not doing well.

Such problems are far less likely to occur with an electoral system based on proportional representation, common in very many countries and often enshrined in their constitutions.

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Such systems are productive of multi-party parliaments providing much greater flexibility.

If the Coalition in Government is

not performing, another Coalition can be formed without an election.

The Open Party List system of proportional representation, used in many European countries, is not only more flexible but also more democratic, much simpler for voters and less costly.

Just one mark is required to state the preference for a party and a candidate.

It is incredible that Australia keeps struggling with the current system while its massive disadvantages are so obvious.

Email, 4 Dec 2009  
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

## They do what they want

**There is a remedy to the disastrous NSW Government situation.**

It is the Swiss Citizen Initiated Referendum.

That is where the people can demand that the Government put an important issue to the people before making the law.

Do you think that the major Parties will ever do that?

Mine and Buckley's.

### Forum

When people are welded in to Labour or Liberal, you elect them, and then they do what they bloody want.

The people, well, stiff.

They voted, didn't they?

Letter, 6 Dec 2009  
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

## Share indigenous knowledge

**I am delighted to hear about the Ganang Spirit Dancers.**

I would like to see the group embrace local children from all cultures so that they, too, may learn the great wisdom of Country, the original custodians of this great continent, and would become the next generation of ambassadors

for reconciliation.

This would enable a greater understanding, knowledge and acceptance within the community.

Acknowledgment of Country, and the great survival skills, and

natural resource management learnt by our original occupants, over the many thousands of years, and long before the invaders from the northern hemisphere arrived to lay claim, need to be broadly shared.

Letter, 6 Nov 2009  
Zoe Russell, Umina

## People owning banks

**The Treasurer, Wayne Swan, is upset at the greed of the big banks.**

What shameful hypocrisy.

The ALP got rid of all the State banks and a would-be silver tail named Keating got rid of the Commonwealth Bank, the People's Bank.

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The people owning banks used to be a platform of the ALP, now it's only the Nationalist Right that asks for People's Banks.

Letter, 3 Dec 2009  
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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After inserting Kristina Keneally, an expatriate American, into a position where she is perceived even by her own party to be a puppet, the Office of Premier and Cabinet, in fact, our State Labor government, has identified itself as a Punch and Judy Show.

So it is no surprise that the corrupt Gosford City Council is still presiding.

During part of her time as a Labor Party member, MP *Marionette-Politician* Keneally was responsible as the Minister for Planning.

When pressed during a parliamentary inquiry, she claimed little knowledge of what her Chief of Staff, Sam Haddad, was doing in her name.

Several very large property deals done with developers noted for their generosity have been rejected by the Land and Environment Court because of what the court identified as land bribes.

Perhaps it could have been said that MP Keneally has a similar strike rate to that of Mr Graham Richardson?

The latest perception of contempt for due process is Huntlee, numbering 7200 house lots, now in the pile with rejected developments at Gwandalan and Catherine Hill Bay.

I believe MP Keneally was busy building a wall of plausible deniability around herself.

Her progress up the political greasy pole, while surprisingly quick, remained consistent with the conduct of several other Premiers, Ministers of Planning and Local Government.

Politicians the lot of them, have all accommodated what are easily identified as political sins against their constituents.

Carr, Iemma, Rees and now Keneally, need to be reminded again that Gosford City Council is corrupt, YOUR government Premier Keneally and until you do something about it, you will be seen as continuing to accommodate the reign of this corrupt, elected, corporate entity.

People have been watching while our other elected representatives, Marie Andrews, John Della Bosca, Jim Lloyd while Federal Minister for Local Government, in fact a long list of party and independent politicians on the corrupt Council



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Gosford City Councillors, please take note that my insistence that **GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL IS CORRUPT** won't be altered by the council wandering into the national print media, ABC and A Current Affair with more dishonest, personal attacks on me. Additionally, with Piles Creek Bridge now reopened, remember that five people died because the State Government did nothing about the allegations against the **CORRUPT GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL**.

Edward James 02 4341 9140 PO Box 3024, Umina Beach NSW 2257

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and above indulged in bad politics.

They let the corrupt council stand over my father, actively mislead your constituents with a dodgy development application and then lie about it.

This council has an identified body count of five, but other people like my father, have died of a broken heart while his elected representatives, including you, busied yourselves avoiding being identified as actually responsible.

Those who will still admit to being Labor Party members have not been well represented for decades.

In fact Labor's political soldiers, the rank and file who are beside us in the broader community, have endured one embarrassment hard on top of another for too many years.

Consider what the Labor Party hierarchy continue to do to Ms Gillian Sneddon who thought it was the right thing to assist NSW police in ridding the Swansea electorate Office, part of our community, of a Labor Party member who was a paedophile adulterer.

The Terrigals have regained control of government and served up another Premier and made some other unpalatable changes.

Premier Keneally, you presided over NSW Planning with your head turned just far enough away from what your Chief of Staff Sam Haddad was up to to be ignorant, but I doubt that voters will see you as immune.

What a sad remark you made when claiming Liberal Party Leader, Barry O'Farrell, ignored the

Ministerial Code of Conduct.

Premier, your Labor Party has used that part of our codified law pursuant to sections 8 and 9 of the ICAC Act as a door mat for many years, about as long as you have been in the party.

I am not impressed with your blowing in and waiving your Catholic credentials about like it matter to hundreds of thousands of disenfranchised voters struggling with a crippled state.

Last time I checked Premier, our Parliament still claimed a separation between church and State.

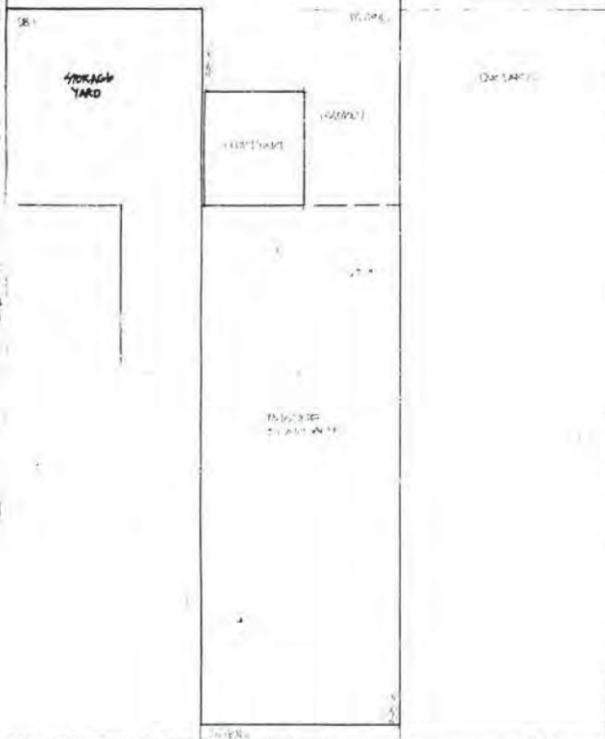
I am not aware of any church objecting while our Governments, Federal, State and Local, have been abusing our mandate, given to them in trust.

I hope with all my heart that at the next elections, the people turn their backs on the two parties not much preferred by voting below the line and directing their own preferences toward representative government and away from a pack of inward looking, self centred political bullies.

On the fourteenth of December, Gosford City Council will start removing the last remaining evidence which proves the council, as a corporation, did in fact have experience with concrete being used to line and protect corrugated steel culvert pipes.

Pipes, if we are to believe what Mr Stephen Glen, Gosford City Council spokesperson, told readers of the Express Advocate, which were inspected twice each year, presumably, since council became responsible for them some sixteen times.

This plan was misleading in no small way and hence in direct conflict with the regulation of the environmental planning and assessment act 1993



This photograph shows evidence concrete was used not once but twice in two pipes located in the upper reaches of Mooney Mooney Creek beneath Peats Ridge Road



Consider this; The three six foot steel pipes A,B,C, as viewed from left to right and looking from upstream, provided sufficient redundancy to accommodate the runoff from upstream of the fatal Piles Creek culvert except that Gosford City Council could not be bothered with the maintenance of its mandated responsibilities.

This is one of several dozen photos supplied without obligation to the Express Advocate and other News Limited media exposing the truth about what the elected corporate entity knew about neglected infrastructures.

While there was an inquiry, it is clear to me that it was not good enough to reach beyond the verbal assurances to touch upon this and other hard evidence.

The abuse of due process and the wrongful deaths of innocent people has been accommodated by politicians who lack the political will and courage to insist on natural justice.

Government inaction is an integral part of the fabric of objectionable cross party politics.

I know that Gosford City Council had no interest in an in-house report from one of its own junior engineers dating from around 2002 which made it abundantly clear that the three pipe culvert was in disrepair and being undermined as a result of rusted out steel pipes.

The Coroner was so surprised, in fact he was angry, to be made aware in the final days of his inquiry of what Council had not let on it knew over two years before the publicly acknowledged but not acted upon, Tyco quote from Hornsby.

We are asked to believe that this was also lost in "the system".

As a result, the Coroner recalled several people to the witness stand.

We now know that over 800,000 items received by Council were not logged properly into their records.

Well big bloody deal, my own photographic investigations prompted by the Deputy Mayor of Gosford, Independent Craig Doyle, insisting in writing that the pipes were made of a special plastic and could not rust, proved that there was a problem and that this was a disaster waiting to happen.

Permit me to tell my readers that the middle of the three rusted out pipes (B) had been crushed completely flat some four years before that fatal night.

Twenty feet in from the upstream opening,

the pipe was as flat as a pan cake, as my photos show.

There was a tree across the opening, evident in photos I supplied to Councillor Doyle and many politicians.

I also supplied copies to the families and the police.

The other two pipes (A) (C), had suffered what the court identified as a clamshell like closure, which resulted in the effective diameter of these two pipes being reduced from six foot to four foot.

Consider three six foot diameter pipes reduced to two four foot diameter pipes and then add what had been reported as the worst rainstorm in 25 years.

It's not surprising that my own photographs reveal that the road and damaged culvert was transformed into an ineffective dam which, when waters up-stream banked up more than five meters above the normal height of the stream, in fact close to running over the road surface, it is no surprise to thinking people, that the road was subsequently undermined and swept away with the same unstoppable violence as that of a hydraulic mining operation.

The three pipes, had they been properly maintained, were more than adequate for the task for which they were designed and built.

In fact, it has been stupid to imply otherwise by since building such an over engineered and expensive public relations exercise to salve the conscience of those who will remain forever responsible for the wrongful and tragic deaths of five innocent people, three of whom were young children.

What a damned impertinence that the settlement money paid to the surviving Bragg and Holt families was tied to a confidentiality agreement, after all it's ratepayers' money and we should be entitled to know what our money is being spent on.

Just who were the cowards that insisted on that political requirement?

I attended the Coronial Inquiry and was outraged

when Council General Manager, Peter Wilson was recalled and gave the coroner to understand that it was not unusual for documents to go missing.

I felt it necessary to ask Counsel assisting the Coroner, Mr Menzies, if the court was aware that formal complaints had been made to ICAC and the State Ombudsman about Council management regularly leaving important items out of council records.

He said the Crown was not aware and was apparently not interested.

I found his attitude offensive, I checked with ICAC that they had records of my complaints and prepared and lodged with the Coroner, Peter Mahoney the following Statutory Declaration:

1. I, Edward James, of 323-325 West Street Umina, declared the following at Glebe on the first of July 2008.

2. I have made formal complaints to the General Manager of Gosford City Council, because information directed to Council by email has not been registered into their mandated system of data works.

3. I understand that this is regulated under the Local Government Act 1993

4. Council claimed to have lost a petition signed by 860 ratepayers which questioned the probity of council's conduct as a consent authority.

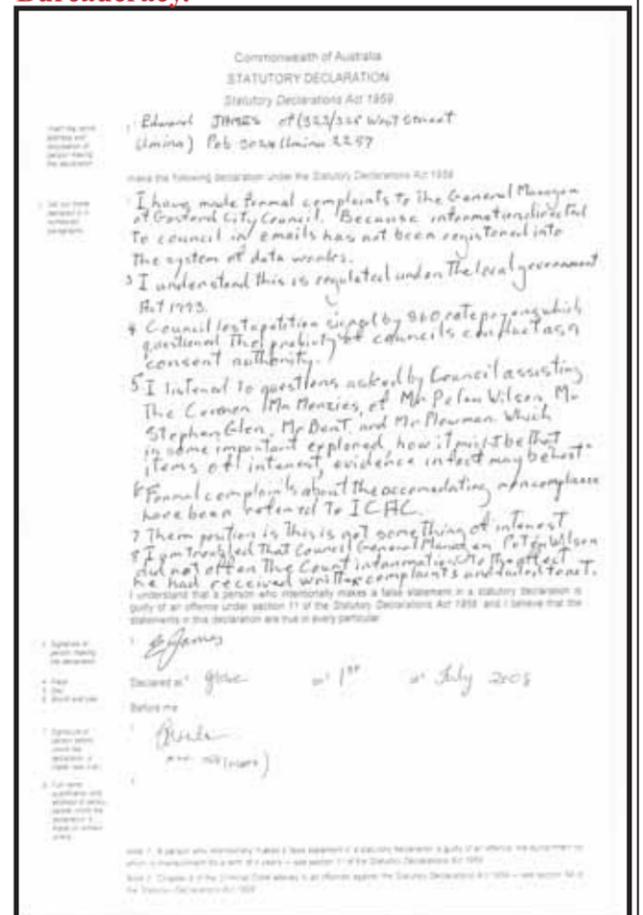
5. I listened to questions asked by counsel assisting the coroner, Mr Menzies, of Mr Peter Wilson, Mr Stephen Glen, Mr Bent and Mr Plowman which in some import and explored how it was possible that items of interest evidence, in fact may be "lost".

6. Formal complaints about the accommodating non compliance have been referred to ICAC.

7. Their position is, this is not something of interest.

8. I am troubled that Council General Manager, Peter Wilson, did not offer the information to the effect he had received written complaints and failed to act.

**Until tax payers reject the spineless political representation offered on their behalf, they can expect more of the same from Government Bureaucracy.**



# Harry Boyle

**Harry Boyle was a distinguished ex-teacher who loved to talk philosophy and his ideal of how the world and its people should live.**

He lived as he felt we should all live, helping one another and being aware of the strength of the community working together to improve communications, and the world around us.

Harry was born in Corowa on February 23, 1922, to Glen Ovens Boyle and MarVine Boyle, nee Wilson.

He has a brother David and sister Catherine OAM, Gertrude and Mary.

Only Cath and Trudy survived him.

He attended school in Corowa, Jingellic and Albury where he had to stand on his own feet very early.

His father was headmaster of Jingellic school and Harry had to board for three years when attending Albury High School, only seeing his parents and siblings every few months.

He was not a sporty type, but was obsessed with fitness and swam and walked regularly.

He was a thinker and spent a lot of time thinking of how things could be done better.

He attended Sydney Teacher College in 1940, and joined the Sydney University regiment in 1942, which became part of the 2nd 5th division.

Later they were sent to New Guinea after training in jungle warfare in Canungra.

Harry joined the commando unit as a trooper, and when in New Guinea, the squadron was located at an observation post watching Salamanca and Lae aerodrome.

The Japanese found an old miner's trail from Salamanca to Wau, so the observation post had to be abandoned.

Subsequently they were moved to Atherton Tablelands before being sent to attack the Japanese in Balikpapan.

They moved through the jungle parallel to the coast to locate Japanese camps and disrupt supply lines so the Brigade knew where to attack.

Before returning to New Guinea, Harry married Helen Mills.

At the close of WW2, the Commonwealth Reconstruction Scheme provided the opportunity for Harry to attain a Bachelor of Economics from Sydney University and a Master of Education degree.

His wife Helen gained a BA as a returned Air Force Service woman.

Harry taught Economics and Geography at various secondary schools until his retirement.

Helen and Harry built a house at Seaforth.

Their daughter Janet was born when Harry and Helen were visiting England and Europe.

They drove their Peugeot from England to India, certainly a challenge with a baby so young.

They also spent happy holidays at the snowfields and throughout the Eastern states of Australia.

Harry and Helen later divorced.

Harry became a community representative to Warringah Shire Council meeting quarterly with councillors.

This group later became assigned to Manly where Harry joined the Manly Citizen and Rate Payer Association and was duly elected to Manly council.

His focus was community facilities- sport fields and art centres.

The bandstand was converted to a regional gallery which is now part of the Regional Art Gallery Network.

The Town Hall was converted to a Women's Rest Centre.

In 1970, Harry moved to Albury



**Following the success of the Significant Women of the Central Coast book series, Margaret Hardy from the Multi Arts Confederation has compiled a third book entitled Significant Men of the Central Coast.**

**The book features the profiles of 114 Central Coast men who have made significant contributions to their community in some way.**

**Peninsula News is proud to present the profile of 1 of the 13 men who live and work on the Peninsula, and who have been recognised for their commitment and dedication to the local community.**

to care for his mother, and worked on the Council for the Ageing.

He joined the Albury Citizens and Ratepayers Association and during this time the old Town Hall was converted into the Regional Art Gallery.

In 1988 Harry moved to Phegans Bay on the Central Coast, 'an oasis' he said, with a National Park behind his house and which looked east to Bouddi where he watched the sun rise.

He joined the Volunteer Fire Brigade but was pensioned off when he turned 70.

He founded the Bays Progress Association for the communities

of Woy Woy Bay, Phegans Bay, Horsefield Bay and Woy Woy.

They later became affiliated with the Combined Progress Association, attending council meetings, and meeting with council officers to find out what they intended to do in the next six months of the year.

He worked tirelessly visiting 20 affiliated association meetings each month.

He encouraged women to become delegates because "male-female leadership is more holistic in its approach".

He supported the building of cultural facilities within Gosford;

the moving of NAISDA Dance Company to Kariong; supported the establishment of environmental Aboriginal and historical sites and encouraged Council to establish a grants officer.

His philosophy encompassed a firm belief that everybody is responsible at some level to become involved in community and he believed some people were social catalysts who as stirrers, created a quality of life for their communities to maintain an array of communication to become vibrantly alive.

Harry was a member of the Democrats, Amnesty International, Reconciliation, Friends of the ABC, Community Environment Network, Woy Woy Community Centre, NAISDA and the Multi Arts Confederation.

He loved experiences such as hot air ballooning, sailing, and travel with friends.

He regularly attended concerts in Sydney, the Australian Opera, local concerts and plays, often with his friend Beryl Collier, who in the past few years relied on Harry to transport her to various events and appointments.

He was also a great friend to those in need, with many depending on him for advice, support and transport.

He enriched many lives with the unselfish sharing of his time.

He was a man who thought war solved nothing.

He had a strong desire to protect our democracy and a healthy skepticism of the elite. He devoted himself as a school teacher, as he wanted to help create thinking citizens.

Harry died aged 87 years from a stroke in April 2009 living and sharing his life with many right to the end.

**Book extract, 10 Dec 2009  
Significant Men of the Central Coast**

## Famous cruiser is regular visitor

**A 70-year-old timber motor cruiser which took part in the sinking of two Japanese mini-submarines during the Second World War is now a regular visitor to Hardys Bay, according to Mr Allan Wilson of the Hardys Bay Residents Group.**

The 20.6 metre Silver Cloud, designed by Harold Halvorsen and launched in 1939, was mentioned in despatches over the pursuit,

and the eventual sinking, of two of the three submarines which had penetrated the harbour defences.

At the time, a number of Halvorsen owners with boats exceeding 40 feet in length were requested by the authorities to hand over their vessels to assist the war effort.

Silver Cloud was decked out in naval colours and fitted with depth charges and Vickers machine guns.

Mr Wilson said that, at the end

of the war, the Silver Cloud was severely burnt in an engine room fire at the Balmoral Naval Station before being returned to her owner.

She was subsequently acquired by the Halvorsen family who gradually restored the vessel to her old state of grandeur.

The cruiser has hosted royalty on a number of occasions, is believed to have been Australia's first floating casino and has featured in film documentaries, according to Mr Wilson.

It has been referred to as the

"Jewel of Sydney Harbour" and the pride of the Halvorsen fleet, and has been used for numerous charity purposes.

The more recent restorations carried out by current owner businessman Mr Robert Hunter, who bought it four years ago, ensures that the vessel has all modern conveniences including state-of-the-art electronics, navigation, air conditioning, refrigeration and sanitary systems.

Mr Wilson said it had a generous main saloon, a dining area that seated eight, roomy galley, three

double cabins each with a double bed, a double V berth which sleeps four and expansive outdoor entertaining areas on the bridge and fly decks.

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**Newsletter, 8 Dec 2009  
Allan Wilson, Hardy's Bay  
Residents' Group**

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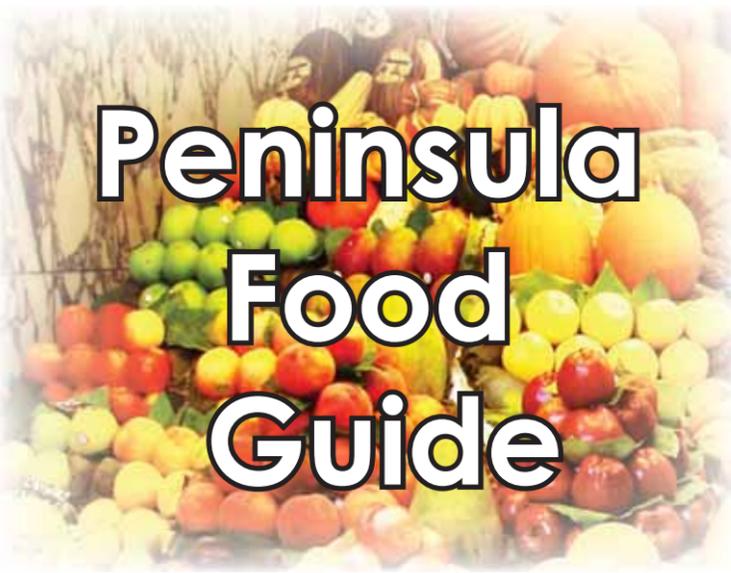
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## Camel trek ends in Melbourne



Ros Consoli with mum Jan of Empire Bay towards the end of the 19-month camel trek across Australia

**Nineteen months after leaving Darwin, former Empire Bay resident Ms Ros Consoli and her partner Mr Russ Osborne have completed their 6000 km camel trek across Australia.**

The couple, along with their eight camels, arrived in Melbourne late last month to a large crowd of family, friends and supporters.

In their efforts, the pair raised around \$40,000 for the Children First Foundation to help support children from across the world in

need of medical care.

Most recently, the foundation brought conjoined twins Krishna and Trishna to Australia for life-changing surgery.

Ms Consoli's parents Jan and Santo, of Empire Bay, were in Melbourne to greet their daughter and said they were extremely proud of what she had achieved.

Less than a week after the successful surgery to separate the twins, Ros and Russ walked through the streets of Melbourne

in their final effort to highlight the work done by Moira Kelly and her Children First Foundation," Ms Jan Consoli said.

"It was the wettest day in Melbourne for several months, but this did not deter Ros and Russ, and their supporters as they walked Swanston St."

She said it was also wonderful to see Russ propose to Ros to celebrate the end of their 19-month adventure.

Letter, 8 Dec 2009  
Jan and Santo Consoli, Empire Bay

## Recognised for voluntary work

**Phegan's Bay resident Monique Brayshaw has been recognised for her voluntary work with dementia patients at a special awards ceremony at NSW Parliament House on December 4.**

Monique Brayshaw was the recipient of this year's NSW Central Coast Youth Volunteer of the Year Award which recognises the important contribution some 1.7 million NSW volunteers make every year.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews congratulated Monique on her achievement and the countless hours of work in the Gosford



community, by donating her time and energy to help others.

"Monique Brayshaw has been a

tireless volunteer for over four years with Community Care Services working at the Geoff Wright Cottage, a day care program for those suffering from dementia.

"Monique's role is vital in providing socialisation and companionship for clients of the Cottage with her positive attitude and happy disposition ensuring the clients warm to her quickly.

"Monique also acts as a bus hostess, caring for and entertaining the clients when they are being transported to and from the cottage."

Press release, 10 Dec 2009  
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

## Activities stop for summer recess

**Most activities at Umina and Ettalong Uniting church halls will close for a summer holiday recess, according to church secretary Ms Annette Strong.**

"Some activities will recommence mid-January such as classes for tai chi, gentle over 50s exercises and weekly UnitingCare Healthy Living for Seniors classes.

"Programs involving children will resume in early February after school holidays."

Ms Strong said the local church community was looking forward to celebrating Christmas with a special event on December 24.

"At Umina, on Christmas Eve,

there will be a barbecue from 5pm followed with a short children's Christmas play and Carols by Glowstix from 6.30pm," Ms Strong said.

"A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

"As the birth of Jesus Christ is celebrated, an invitation is extended to all to attend one of our Christmas Day services.

"The first service on the day will be held from 8am at Umina with Rev Dr Peter Swain followed by a 9am service at Ettalong with Rev Alan Goodwin."

Press release, 9 Dec 2009  
Annette Strong, Broken Bay Parish Uniting Churches

## New plan to be exhibited

**Gosford Council has endorsed the draft Gosford Local Environment Plan and draft Gosford Development Control Plan for public exhibition early next year.**

The draft LEP and DCP will be on public exhibition and submissions will be received from February 10

to April 8.

The draft Gosford LEP and draft Gosford DCP will remain confidential until the commencement of the public exhibition period, according to a council report.

"A comprehensive community

consultation program including static information displays, community information sessions and a dedicated web page will be undertaken at the time of exhibition," the report stated.

Council agenda SF.44, 1 Dec 2009

## Year 12 holds formal night

**Year 12 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College have celebrated their end of school with a formal night at Ettalong Beach Club on November 19.**

College teacher Ms Linda Langmaid said: "The room was spectacularly decorated by Karen Mercer.

"The Hirst family donated a beautiful cake for both our final Year 12 assembly and formal dinner."

A Woy Woy cafe donated vouchers.

"We want to acknowledge the role of family in getting our students through their 12 years of education," said Ms Langmaid.

Press release, 1 Dec 2009  
Linda Langmaid, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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# An outstanding man

Not mentioned in the Significant Men of the Central Coast book is the legendary Dave Abbott.

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He lobbied all politicians severely and used the media effectively.

Senior journalist Joan Campbell had a high regard for Dave and his

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work for the Peninsula. He worked hard for better facilities, roads and drainage, Woy Woy Hospital, aged care and paramedic services.

He is an outstanding man who felt assisting the community was his duty.

Letter, 17 Nov 2009  
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

# More respect needed for bushland

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and when an area is so identified, this policy automatically becomes active.

Australia has one of the worst track records of destruction of environmental flora and fauna, unique to this country, rare and highly valued in the natural world.

In this fine land of Australia, the flora and fauna have been given no respect by white man and still this lack of respect prevails.

The early settlers would say: "It is only bush".

Bulldoze it. Clear it. Burn it. Destroy it.

It would seem nothing has changed locally, while Gosford Council prevails.

So a bit more woodland will disappear for perhaps an artificial sports surface, or a bit of grass (exotic, of course, which is water hungry with roots burning in the heat of the high silica sands).

Whenever will the egocentric population wake up?

This is the driest continent on earth. The vegetation is part of the natural evolutionary balance of water, and is part of the cycle.

No plants. No rain. This continent is already well covered in deserts and only coastal strips and mountain ranges remain.

Now we will have more recreation and lose the rare and irreplaceable bushland, which is what keeps us all healthy, and just why people like to live here in the first place.

This loss will continue to contribute to the world climate change.

Shame council, shame. Better, more efficient time management of existing recreation areas would be a help.

Many, many hours of the week, these areas exist in almost total abandonment or minimal use.

Community and time management is yet another avenue yet to come into the council arena.

Not to worry: we will have our recreation area, but we may not be able to run far because we will not have good clean air to breathe.

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Zoe Russell, Umina  
23 Nov 2009

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# Circus sideshow

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Whatever his reason, he has done bugger-all about the abuse of due process.

Council as a consent authority ignored a DA which was misleading in no small way.

The office of Premier and Cabinet sits on its hands while time and time again ministries fail in their duty to constituents.

Letter, 17 Nov 2009  
Ed James, Umina

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In a recent public comment, the president of the Australian Conservation Foundation's Central Coast branch, Mark Snell, said he was pleased to hear that Gosford Council staff had started work on a formal plan of management for reserves containing rare bushland known as the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland endangered ecological community.

I am also pleased.

I cannot believe it has taken so long for this council to get moving on this very important issue that they have known about for decades and yet it does not really surprise me.

The council has been perennially entombed by its past visionless actions of the decades, and now carries out the present actions of an unimaginative, declining, geriatric council, attempting to act in an induced, stultified almost comatose, stupor of great antiquity.

Council should have an overall blanketing policy for rare and threatened ecological communities,

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# A mind of her own

Some people are intent on pursuing their ideas for the beautification of Ettalong Beach.

However, a plan of managed retreat is essential these days.

After all Mother Nature appears to have a mind of her own.

Email, 23 Nov 2009  
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

# Consequential conjecture?

There used to be a community radio station called CCC.

A thought occurred to me. We could add that appellation to the name Australia.

C - We started out as a nation of convicts.

C - Drugs have made us a nation of crooks.

C - The politicians have made us a nation of clowns.

Could you conjure a catchier

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calling card or connive a more contumely convocation?

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We could. Time-wasting  
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy  
23 Nov 2009

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## Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

The Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Inc. Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped to make our Annual Christmas Exhibition & Sale a great success which was held over the weekend of 28th & 29th November 2009.

Results of Raffle drawn on 29th November 2009 at our Christmas Exhibition & Sale were

1st Prize Ticket No 21373	Watercolour Paintings
2nd Prize Ticket No 21638	Christmas Hamper
3rd Prize Ticket No 22284	Painting & \$30 Fruit & Veg Voucher
4th Prize Ticket No 21920	Opal Necklace
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# The beginning of Umina Surf Life Saving Club

**Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club was formed 50 years ago after a walkout by a group of young members of the Ocean Beach club.**

The group included members who held positions of treasurer, chief instructor, board and ski captain, and gear steward.

The younger members of the club had been called before the Ocean Beach committee to be reprimanded for holding an unsanctioned party in Ocean Beach Surf Club clubhouse.

No penalty or suspension was given, just a rap over the knuckles and lecture not to do it again.

However, as a result, six key members (Max Tearne, John Breakwell, Les Wynne, Grahame Stockley, Jim Butt and Tony Collins) decided to try and form their own surf club at the southern end of the

beach.

Known at that time to them as "the alley", they had always spent a lot of their time body surfing there as the waves were better.

At the time, many were current management position holders on the Ocean Beach Surf Club committee.

Max Tearne had been the chief instructor, John Breakwell the treasurer, Jim Butt the board and ski captain and Les Wynne was the gear steward.

With the support and guidance of Ocean Beach Caravan Park proprietor Jack Hogan, an initial meeting was held at the Breakwells' residence at 13 Albion St, Umina, where it was decided to form the new club.

John Breakwell, as secretary, was to write a letter to branch seeking approval to start the club.

John and Max Tearne attended

the December branch meeting where the Umina Surf Life Saving Club was officially affiliated.

Jack Hogan also sent a letter of support to branch for the formation of the surf life saving club.

He and his wife Wynne were both tireless workers for the cause.

Not only was he instrumental in supplying accommodation prior to the clubhouse's first stage, he was also instrumental in acquiring land and control of club activities.

He also wrote articles in the local paper on behalf of the club,

The official inauguration of Umina Surf Life Saving Club occurred when the club became affiliated with the Central Coast branch on January 8, 1960.

The Central Coast branch donated patrol flags, caps and a reel.

The branch annual report of 1959-1960 stated: "Our 13th club

was formed and affiliated, this being Umina, operating at the southern end of Ocean Beach, and this club has joined our other younger clubs, North Avoca Beach and Soldiers Beach-Norah Head, in solidifying their groundwork by industrious activities."

Foundation members were industrial chemist Max Tearne, school teacher John Breakwell, engineer Les Wynne, salesman Grahame Stockley, builder Jim Butt and Tony Collins who was with the Navy.

Jack Hogan was the foundation president and Dick Whitehorn was the patron.

Kevin Tagg, an ex-member of Ocean Beach, also offered his patrolling services for the initial season.

The first member of the club to gain his bronze was Adrian (Audie) Voormuelen.

In this inaugural year, Umina entered the "Catch a Shark" competition run at The Entrance beach.

Umina borrowed a boat from Avoca and members Max Tearne, Grahame Stockley, John Breakwell, Jim Butt and Audie Voormuelen managed to catch three stingrays.

Audie had to be taken to shore due to sea sickness.

Umina scored nine points in their first branch titles while John Breakwell won the Open Beach Sprint event.

Club membership consisted of seven active, three cadet and five other members.

Email, 27 Nov 2009  
Kerry Armstrong-Smith,  
Umina SLSC

# Scouting as it once was

**With enough noise to wake up every wallaby and goanna in the district, we sang a few more rousing choruses of the Quartermaster's Store and then threw in a few inappropriate verses, much to the delight of the Scouts and much to the embarrassment of the patrol leaders gathered around the campfire.**

The occasion was our annual camp at Camp Kariong and, after a day of hiking, games and badge work, we were all ready to turn in for the night.

Apart from many other things, camping gave us an opportunity to establish our independence and show our families that we were quite capable of looking after ourselves.

Just because we ate baked beans morning, noon and night (with rather unfortunate sound effects), splashed a bit of cold water on our faces to maintain an acceptable level of hygiene, and disregarding the ever-mounting pile of dirty washing, certainly didn't mean we missed our mothers, their delicious meals or our comfortable warm beds.

Anyone who has ever bitten into a rock-hard, burnt, charcoal-covered damper knows the true delights of camping under the stars.

Never mind the mosquitoes transfusing our youthful bodies, or lying awake listening to the delightful sounds of mating possums.

Our troop leader at the time was Basil Knight who was ably assisted by Roy Seckold.

Basil was a local electrician and one of the most caring and dedicated people you could ever wish to meet.

His wife Ruby was the local Guide leader, and together they worked tirelessly to support and lead the local Scout and Guide movement.

The Scout hall incidentally was located in Ocean View Rd directly opposite what is now the new Ettalong Hotel, and next door to a private library owned and operated by the late Edna Boyd.

We used to meet every Friday night, with the occasional visit to the beach for games.

Once a year, we were all involved in a major fundraising drive aptly named Bob-a-Job Week.

Scouts were willing to take on

any job from babysitting to lawn mowing, washing the family car, or simply posting a few letters.

On completion of the job, the housekeeper would be asked to complete and sign the Bob-a-Job card carried by the Scout, and this would then be handed over at the end of the week with the proceeds.

In the absence of any other major charitable collections in those days, most people got into the spirit of things and happily paid more than the minimum amount of one shilling.

Others would simply ask the Scout to carry out some menial task like washing dishes or polishing shoes for a substantial reward.

One event we eagerly looked forward to each year was "bonfire" or "cracker" night.

It would now be unimaginable (as well as illegal), but in the weeks leading up to the June long weekend (originally celebrated on Empire Day, May 24), huge bonfires would be erected right around the district.

Most would have an effigy of Guy Fawkes (not unlike a scarecrow) mounted on top.

We used to build our bonfire in the middle of what is now

Ettalong Oval, and everyday more old palings, discarded building materials and dead trees and branches would be stacked on the rapidly growing pile.

Even old tyres were collected and mixed in with anything inflammable.

It was amazing how a group of generally well-behaved, angelic young boys could turn into a rabble of potential pyromaniacs.

At the same time, we used our carefully-saved pocket money to buy the biggest and best fireworks on the market.

Most general stores sold fireworks, including sky rockets, Catherine wheels and penny bungers.

Some even sold sixpenny bungers which were highly effective in blowing up wooden letter boxes.

Come the big night, we all gathered at the oval, together with lots of parents, neighbours and spectators.

Forget about rubbing sticks together to start the fire as we had been taught!

Instead we used plenty of newspapers and matches to ignite the stack.

In no time at all the flames reached the top, sending thousands

of glowing red sparks into the cool night air.

Poor old Guy Fawkes was soon alight and, with an almighty roar from the crowd, collapsed into the inferno.

Fireworks were let off and skyrockets illuminated the sky above and the houses nearby.

Exploding bungers created a cacophony of noise, intermingled with the shouts and screams of excited youngsters, with singed hair and a few burnt fingers being the only casualties.

One only had to look at the happy faces and listen to the oohs and aahs from us kids to realise how much we all enjoyed the night.

Mind you, one could also discern the occasional look of concern on the faces of some of the parents who perhaps understood the potential danger.

When the fireworks ran out and the smoke had drifted away, we sat around the dying embers feeling rather pleased with ourselves, and planning a much bigger and better bonfire for the following year.

Email, 8 Dec 2009  
Fred Landman, Daley's Point

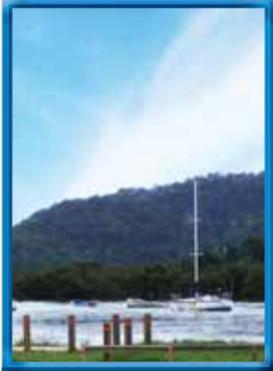


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# Pearl Beach history to be launched

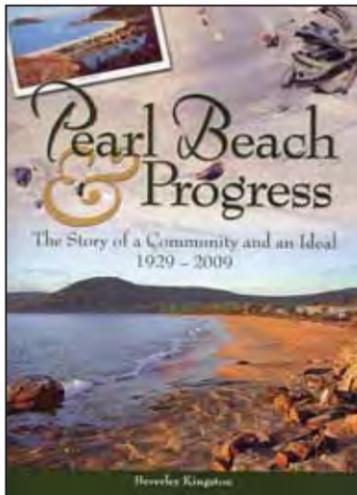
To celebrate 80 years of the Pearl Beach Progress Association, historian Ms Beverley Kingston of Pearl Beach has written a small book to be launched at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Friday, December 18.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein will present the book "Pearl Beach and Progress - the Story of a Community and an Ideal 1929-2009" to local residents and guests at the launch.

The book was researched and written with the help of a \$5000 community grant from Gosford Council last year, according to Ms Kingston.

"Pearl Beach was one of several estates on the Woy Woy Peninsula developed after World War I by father and son C.R. and C.J. Staples," Ms Kingston said.

"By 1921 they had consolidated the existing land holdings at what was then known as Green Point and were planning a new estate to be called Pearl Beach with its streets named after gem stones.



"The first land sale was registered in 1927 and the first house built soon after.

"But for some years, partly because of the depression of the early 1930s, sales were slow, few houses were built and Pearl Beach continued as a fishing camp, one of many up and down the coast of NSW.

"According to legend (for there are no surviving records till the

1940s) the Pearl Beach Progress Association came into being in 1929.

"Rather than direction of greater suburbanisation Pearl Beach preferred trees to kerbs and gutters.

"There was a growing awareness that the confined space of the valley, with its creeks and lagoon, its encircling national park and nature reserves, would not support a large population or too much modern development.

"Progress in Pearl Beach came to mean the ability to sustain a bushland environment, a peaceful place to live, somewhere to get away from the excitements of modern life - though in time the Progress Association would also campaign for better mobile phone reception and access to fast broadband."

The book is available for \$15 and can be purchased at the launch on December 18.

Press Release, 7 Dec 2009  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



Pearl Beach author Ms Christine O'Brien at the launch of her new nature guide book on Pearl Beach

# Guide for Pearl Beach environment

Pearl Beach resident Ms Christine O'Brien has written and designed an environmental guide based on the flora and fauna found in Pearl Beach.

With sponsorship from Pearl Beach General Store and Cafe owners John and Annie Karbowski, Ms O'Brien created the Pearl Beach Environmental Guide to help locals and visitors enjoy and treasure the hidden and obvious natural gems of the area.

"Ever wondered what those colourful blue-eyed birds are, or what to grow to attract them to your garden?" Ms O'Brien said.

"What about the best fire-resistant native plants?"

The guide consists of local history, geological facts, environmental issues, information about local species as well as an extensive wildlife calendar that maps out which wildlife can be found throughout the seasons.

Pearl Beach locals and visitors to the area can acquire their own guide at the Pearl Beach Cafe for \$5.

Ms O'Brien said she has collected the information for the guide over the last four years, drawing upon her 35 years of experience within the field of environmental education and communication to help her along the way.

Press Release, 2 Dec 2009  
Christine O'Brien, Pearl Beach

# Song-writing in Woy Woy

A series of workshops for songwriters from across the country will be held in Woy Woy next year.

The Song Doctor Workshops are designed to make participants better songwriters, according to ASC Songwriters Assist association president Ms Lisa Butler.

"This is specialised workshop course designed for intermediate and advanced level songwriters with only seven participants per workshop course," Ms Butler said. "Participants must commit to attending the workshop each month of the course with a two-hour session to be held on one Saturday per month for 12 months."

Ms Butler said the first workshop would commence on January 16.

"Additional workshops may be added if necessary to cater for student numbers," Ms Butler said.

"The workshop program includes an overview of the craft of songwriting, song titles, melody, chords, major scale and lyric strengtheners."

"Intermediate and advanced workshops will be available with Ross Stagg, a full-time teacher of songwriting and performance at TAFE Entertainment, Quakers Hill, Sydney.

"An A&R man at CBS Records London in the 1970s (before Sony), Ross went on to become a recording artist himself signing firstly to Pye Records as a solo artist and then to EMI UK as singer-writer for Strapps.

The band released four albums with a fifth album, Strapps Live at the Rainbow Theatre London, released internationally in January last year.

"Ross has written across many styles and is currently working

on his second musical Fabulous Nobodies.

"He specialises in teaching and mentoring new writers, and his many years experience in writing, performing and teaching makes him a popular mentor on the faculty of the annual Australian Songwriters Conference."

Press release, 30 Nov 2009  
Lisa Butler, ASC Songwriters Assist

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# Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre



*Christmas exhibition and sale November 29, 2009*



# Surf club holds special exhibition

Artists in a variety of media are expected for a special exhibition to be held at the Killcare Surf Club in early January.

The club is currently in the midst of preparations for this major event which has attracted a large contingent of well-known figures including the popular wood and stainless steel sculptor Mr John Woulfe, Ms Fran Connell from Austinmer, Sydney artist Ms Dzidra Mitchell and local resident Mr Bill Leak, the acclaimed cartoonist and painter.

The Art By The Sea show will run from Saturday, January 2, until Monday, January 11. The exhibitions opening night will feature a cocktail party which will be open to visitors.

The exhibition hours will be from 11am to 7pm daily and the club bar will be open for trading during these hours.

Social vice-president Ms Luisa Scutts said the Art By The Sea exhibition was set to be a major club fundraiser.

"Since our surf club building was completed during 2009, we have been raising money for a number of items to complete the necessary fit-out," Ms Scutts said.

"These have included a flagpole, storm blinds for the auditorium deck, extra bar tables and stools and equipment for the gymnasium, as well as other water craft suitable for use by club members."

Newsletter, 8 Dec 2009  
Allan Wilson, Hardy's Bay Resident's Group



# Mind Priorities plays at Erina

Peninsula band Mind Priorities will be playing as part of an evening of music at the Erina Youth Centre from 6pm to 9pm on Friday, December 18.

The band will be supported by Teal and Sky Squadron at the all-ages gig.

Mind Priorities has recently played at Coaster, the Central Coast equivalent of Big Day Out.

The band participated in the Kool Skools competition, where its track Imperfect won best alternative rock song.

Lead vocalist Liam Scarratt won best male vocalist and guitarist

Andy Clews won outstanding individual performer.

The band also entered the ABC Newcastle Music awards, making it into the top six bands for alternative rock, and into the top 10 for rock.

The band's website can be found at [www.myspace.com/mindpriorities](http://www.myspace.com/mindpriorities).

Press release, 30 Nov 2009  
Lachlan Snell, Umina

# Water theme to exhibits

Empire Bay artist Ms Kaye Lovie will exhibit a series of paintings on the theme of water at the Gosford Regional Gallery and Arts Centre from January 2 to 10.

Ms Lovie said she was enthusiastic about presenting her new range of paintings this year.

"My subject matter is water, above and below.

"It represents a wide variety of paintings and styles from Sydney Harbour to fish just having fun and several local Central Coast scenes.

"My love and appreciation of the environment is demonstrated in a style that reflects the beauty of water and, surely, will be appreciated by many."

Ms Lovie will join fellow artist Ms Mary Francis in exhibiting at the local gallery.

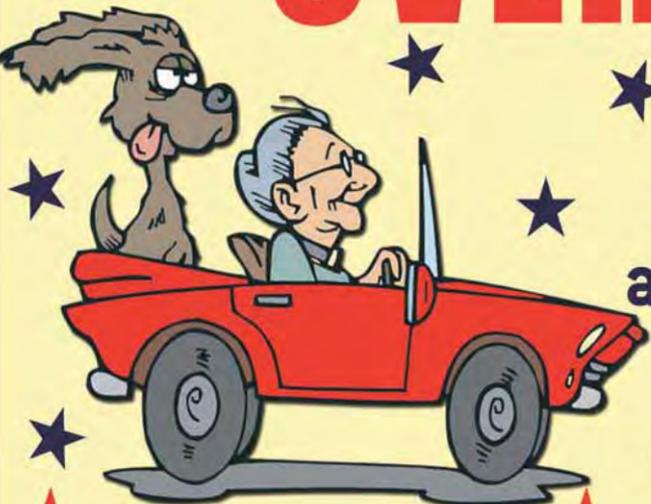
Ms Francis works on three different types of mosaics.

This is the fifth exhibition Ms Francis and Ms Lovie have shared together but is the first on the Central Coast.

Letter, 3 Dec 2009  
Kaye Lovie, Empire Bay



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# What's On in and around the Peninsula

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

**BFC**, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

**CWA**, Country Women's Association Hall, Anderson Park, Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy

**EBACC**, Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, Kitchener Park, Cnr Picnic Pde & Maitland Bay Dr, Ettalong, enq: 4341 8344

**EBWMC**, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 211 Memorial Ave, Ettalong, enq: 4341 1166

**ECC**, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4341 1866

**EMBC**, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 103 Springwood St, Ettalong, enq: 4341 0087

**EPH**, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

**ESCC**, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr Karingi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong, enq: 4341 3222

**MOW**, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd CLOSED TEMPORARILY

**PBPH**, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach, enq: 4342 1459

**PCC**, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4341 9333

**PCYC**, Osborne Ave, Umina Beach, enq: 4344 7851

**PWHC**, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 20a McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 5905

**RBG**, 207 West Street Umina - 0409774467

**UCH**, Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach, enq: 4343 1664

**WH**, Wagstaffe Hall, Cnr Wagstaffe Hall & Mulhall St, Wagstaffe

**WWAC**, Woy Woy Aged Care, Kathleen St, enq: 4353 4224

**WVEC**, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 5333

**WWLC**, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 82 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 3366

**WWPH**, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy

## TUESDAY

### First Tuesday of every month

**Buffalo Primo Lodge** No 9, 7pm, **UCH**.

**The Peninsula Environment Group (PEG)**, 6.30pm, more info @ [www.peg.org.au](http://www.peg.org.au) **WVEC**

### Second Tuesday of every month

**True Blue Meeting**, 1.30pm; **Toastmasters**, 7pm, **EBWMC**

**Get Together** afternoon tea, **ESCC**

**Pearl Beach Craft group**, 1.30pm, **PBPH**

**Stroke recovery group**, 11am, **PCC**.

**Diabetics Support Group**, 10am, **ECC**

**Animal Welfare League**, Central Coast Branch monthly meetings from 10am at Spike Milligan Room, Woy Woy Library. enq. 4344 6650

### Third Tuesday of every month

**Burrawang Bushland reserve bushcare**, Nambucca Dr playgrnd, 9am, enq: 4341

9301

**Buffalo Lodge Knights** Chp9, 7pm, **UCH**

**Woy Woy Peninsula Arthritis Branch**, 10am, enq: 4343 1995, **PCC**

**ACF meeting**, 7.30pm, **WVEC**

### Fourth Tuesday of every month

**Toastmasters**, 7.15pm, **EBWMC**

### Every Tuesday

**Free herbal clinic**, enq: 0437 401 810 **PWHC**

**Woy Woy Blood BankA @ Hospital** Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, 1-7pm

**Chess Club**, 1pm, enq: 4341 8748, **EBWMC**

**Silk craft** 10am

**Mums & bubs playgroup** 1pm

**Pastel classes for kids** 4pm **RBG**

**Scrabble** 9am, Empire Bay Progress Hall, enq: 4369 2034

**Free Tax Help** by appt; **School for Seniors Have a Chat**, 10am;

**U3ADiscussion Groups**, 11am; **Cards**, 1pm-3pm; **Over 55s Learn to Play Bridge**, 1pm; **Playgroup**, 9am; **Occasional Care**, 9am-3pm;

**The Web**, From 2pm;

**Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm; **Kids Belly Dancing**, 4.30pm;

**Physical Culture Ladies**, 7.15pm-9pm; **Motivation & Empowerment classes**; **Craft**, 9am, **PCC**

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy**, 6pm, **ECC**

**Handicraft**, 9am; **Latin Dancing**, 9.15am; **Cards**, 12.30pm **ESCC**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 6pm, John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: 4379 1132

**Carpet Bowls**; 10am; **Card Club** 7.15pm; **Chess Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**

**Tai-Chi** classes, 9.30am (ex sch hols), enq: 4360 2705, **WH**

**Folk Art**, 9.30am; **Silk Dyeing**, 1pm, **EBACC**

**Children's story time**, Umina library, 10.30am (Except Jan).

**Sahaja yoga meditation**, 10:30am only, enq: 4368 2847, **CWA**

**Playgroup**, 10am, Kids 0-5yrs, enq: Juhel 4342 4362, **WWPH**

**Woy Woy Blood Bank**, 11.15am to 8.45pm, session time 1pm to 7pm, Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy

**Tap Dancing**, 6pm, enq: 0438 033 039, **EPH**

**Indoor Bowls**, 9am **ESCC**

**Supported Playgroup** for first time and single parents, 12.30pm-2pm, enq: 4340 1111, **BFC**

**Wagstaffe Hall. Tai Chi** 9.15am and not 9.30am. New ph: 4360 2665 **ESCC**

**WEDNESDAY**

### First Wednesday of every month

**CWA** 10am, handicrafts, enq: 4372 2069

**Coffee Morning**, social get-together, 10am, **PWHC**

**Second Wednesday of every Month**

**Red Cross**, Umina branch meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1:30pm.

**Woy Woy Auxiliary**, 10am, enq: 4344 2599

**Probus Club** Umina Beach, 9.30am, **ECC**

**CWA** 10am, handicrafts, enq:

4372 2069

### Third Wednesday of every Month

**Wrap With Love knitting group**

10am, **PWHC**

### Fourth Wednesday of every month

**Woy Woy CWA** 10am craft, 1pm business meeting, enq: 4372 2069 **CWA**

**Everglades Probus Club**, 10am, **ECC**, enq: 4341 0664

**Drumballa Drum Circle** 7.30 **RBG**

### Every Wednesday

**Women's Health Clinic**, three times a month, enq: 4320 3741; **Counselling** by Donation

**PWHC**

**AI-anon/Alateen** family support group, Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde, Ettalong, 7pm.

**St John's Ambulance**, Peninsula Division 7.30pm, enq: 0404 440 808 or 4353 4224 **PCC**

**Craft for love & Garden club** 10am **RBG**

**Free Tax Help** by appt; **Occasional Care**, 9am; **School for Seniors** Oil Painting, 9am-12;

**Multicraft Needlework**, 10am-12; **Playgroup**, 10am - 12;

**Bridge Club**, 9.30am & 7.30pm, **The Web**, 2pm;

**Physical Culture Club**, 3.30pm; **Coast Care Counselling**; **Weight Watchers**, 6pm; **Belly Dancing**, 7pm and 8pm;

**Dance & Theatre School**, 3.30pm; **Motivation & Empowerment classes**; **Brisbane Water Scrabble Group**, 6pm; **St John Ambulance Service Peninsula Division meeting** 7.30pm

**PCC**

**Peninsula Choir rehearsal**, 7.30pm, St Andrews Hall, Umina.

**Seniors fitness**, 9am, enq: 4332 8550; **Woy Woy Judo Club**, 5.30pm, enq 0434000170 **EPH**

**Oils & Acrylics**, 9am; **Pastels & Drawing**, 11.30am, **EBACC**

**Children's story time**, Woy Woy library, 10.30 (Exc Jan)

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 12.30pm & 7pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

**Handicraft**, 9am, enq: 4341 1073, **CWA**

**CWA Umina Beach craft day**, 9am-12, CWA Hall, Sydney Ave, Umina, enq: 4341 5627

**Rotary Club of Umina**, 6pm, enq:4369 2275 **ECC**

**Dance Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**

**Empire Bay Tennis**, 9am-12am, Shelley Beach Rd, Empire Bay, enq: 4341 4125

**Leatherwork**, 9am; **Table Tennis**, 9am; **Bridge**, 12.15pm; **Scrabble**, 12.45pm; **Group Fitness**, 1pm;

**Yoga**, 2.30pm **Indoor Bowls**, 9am **ESCC**

**THURSDAY**

### First Thursday of every month

**Brisbane Water Senior Citizens**, 1pm, **EBWMC**

### Second Thursday of every month

**Women's Health Clinic**, enq: 4320 3741, **PWHC**

**Australiana Bus Trips**, **PCC**

### Third Thursday of every month

**Brisbane Water Senior Citizens**, 1pm; **EBWMC**

### Fourth Thursday of every month

**Free immunization clinic**, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 – 5 years, 9am **BFC**

**Umina Peninsula Mixed Probus Club**, 10am, new members welcome, enq: 4343 1039 **ECC**

**Women's Friendship Group**, women with disabilities, 10am-12pm, St Lukes Church, Woy Woy

### Every Thursday

**AI-anon/Alateen** family support group, Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde, Ettalong, 12:30pm

**Creative Writing**, enq: 4369 1187, **CWA**

**Occasional Care**, 9am; **Yoga**, 10am; **School for Seniors**, 10.30am; **Bridge**, 12pm; **The Web**, 2pm; **Yoga**, 9.30am; **Coast Care Counselling**, 10am-12pm; **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.30pm; **Motivation & Empowerment Classes**; **Drumbala Kids Drumming** 4.30pm; **Adore Music Tuition** 4.30pm; **Community College courses** inc. painting, drawing, beading, languages and meditation; **Ballroom Dancing**, 9am, **PCC**

**Free entertainment**, 6.30 pm; **Ballroom Dancing**, 10am; **Trivia**, 7pm; **Indoor Bowls**, **Fishing Club Raffle**, 5.15pm, **EMBC**

**Bouddi Women's Drumming**, 2pm, 73 Highview Rd, Pretty Beach, enq: 0425 229 651

**Scrabble**, 12.30pm, **WWPH**

**Children's art classes**, 4.30pm, **EBACC**

**Card Club**, 1pm; **Chess Club**, 7.30pm, **EBWMC**

**Tai Chi** 11.30am & 3.45pm; **Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls**, 9am; **Table Tennis**, 1.45pm; **Cards** noon, **ESCC**

**Social Tennis**, 9am-12pm, Pearl Beach Courts, enq: 4369 3195

**Adult tap dancing**, 10am, enq: 4342 3925, **EPH**

**Fairhaven Services Cash Housie**, Ettalong Bowling Club 7.30pm

**Dance**, 9am; **Cards**, 12pm; **Tai Chi**, 1pm; **Table Tennis**, 1pm, **ESCC**

**Pilates**, 9:30am, enq: 4384 5005; **Mah-jong**, 2pm, enq: 4360 2178; **Yoga**, 5:30pm, enq: 4323 1859, **WH**

**St John the Baptist Craft Group**, 9am to 12pm, \$3 for morning tea, all welcome, enq: 4344 2064, meet at

Walter Baker Hall (opp church)

**FRIDAY**

### First Friday of every month

**Legacy Ladies**, 9am, **EBWMC**

### Second Friday of every month

**Book Bazaar**, **book Club**, 10:30am, enq.42422482

**RSL Sub Branch** meeting, 2.30pm, **EBWMC**

**Third Friday of every month** **Legacy Ladies**, 9am, enq: 4343 3492, **EBWMC**

### Fourth Friday of every month

**South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc**, 1.30pm, enq:

4360 1002, **WH**

**Bushwalking**; **Civilian widows**, 1pm, **ESSC**

**School for Seniors Bushwalking**, **PCC**

### Every Friday

**Kids entertainment**, Yrs 7-12, 7.30pm; **Playgroup**, 10am, Umina Uniting Church

**Bingo**, 11.30am, enq:4343 1664, **UCH**

**Lollipop Music Playgroup** (0-4 years), enq: 4343 1929, **BFC**

**Old Wags Bridge Club**, (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820, **WH**

**Active Over 50's Exercise Class**, 9.15am, enq: 4342 9252, **EPH**

**Watercolour Painting**, 10am, **EBACC**

**Painting**, 9am; **Line Dancing**, 9am; **Bridge**, 12.15pm; **Scrabble**, 12.45pm **ESCC**

**Gym Sessions**, 8am; **Gym Circuit**, 9am; **Circuit Boxing** (Women), 9am; **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) & 5pm (Senior), **PCYC**

**Peninsula Pastimes**, Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd, 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), **Primary Kids Club**, 4.30pm, enq: 4343 1237 **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 12.30pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303

**Hardys Bay Community Church, indoor bowls, canasta, scrabble, morning tea** 10am, enq: 4363 1968

**Occasional Care**, 9am; **Kindy Gym**, 0-3s, 9.15am, 3-5s, 10.20am; **Weight Watchers**, 9.30am; **Smart Recovery**, 10am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **The Web**, 2.30pm; **Kempo Karate**, 5.30pm; **Dance & Theatre School 4pm U3A Courses**; Free financial counselling, alcoholics anonymous, 6pm; **Pilates**, 8.15am; **Overeaters Anonymous** 7.30pm; **Painting**, 9.30am, **PCC**

**Women's walking group**, 9am-11am, **PWHC**

**Fishing Club**, **EBWM**

**Krait RSL Day Club**, 10:30am, Kooinda Village, enq: 4341 8151

**Fairhaven Services Cash Housie**, East Gosford Progress Hall, 7.30pm

**Old Wags Bridge Club** (except 4th Friday of month), 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820, **WH**

**Friendship for Seniors**, Hardys Bay Community Church, 10am-12pm, enq: 4360 1598

**Woy Woy Judo Club**, 5.30pm, enq 0434000170 **EPH**

**Tai Chi** for blind or vision impaired, 2pm, enq: 4324 064 **Umina Uniting Church**

**Better Hearing Class** Mon-Fri 12.45pm, **ESCC**

**SATURDAY**

### First Saturday of every month

The National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Assoc. meet, 2pm, enq: 4340 4160, **EBWMC**

### Second Saturday of every month

**Book Club**, 10:30am, enq: Mandy 4342 2482 **Alliance Française**, French conversation, 11am, enq:0412 252 709

**Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration** Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am

**Bushcare group**, Pretty Beach,

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end Araluen Track, 8am  
**Ex-Navalmen's Assoc**, Central Coast Sub-Section, 10am, **WWLC Scrapbooking**, 12pm, enq: 4342 3712; Chatterbox Group, **PCC**

**Third Saturday of every month**

**Umina P&C Bushcare**, 9am, Umina Campus of BWSC, Veron Rd, Umina, enq: 4341 9301  
**Peninsula Residents Association (PRA)**, 3PM **WVEC Market Day**, 9am, Sydney 2000 Park, **UCH**

**Fourth Saturday of every month**

**Troubadour Acoustic Music Club**, 7pm, enq: 4341 406, **CWA Last Saturday every month Bushcare** Wagstaffe group, meet Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am  
**Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration** Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy 8am

**Every Saturday**

**Vision Impaired Woy Walkers** Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy, 7.15am, enq: 4325 3686  
**Chess Club**, 1pm, enq: 4341 8748, **EBWMC Children's Pottery**, 9am; **Silvercraft Class**, 1pm **EBACC Weight Watchers**, 8.30am; **Dance & Theatre School**, 9.30am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Photography course (monthly)**; **The Web** 5pm-9.30pm; **School for Seniors** social outings arranged throughout year, **PCC Cash Housie**, St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, 7.30pm  
**Chess Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC Gym Sessions**, 9am; **Drama & Discovery**, 9am, **PCYC Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 12.30pm, enq: 4341 0721, **WWLC Al-anon/Alateen** family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy Hospital, 2pm, enq: 4344 6939  
**Social Dance**, New vogue, old time, \$3 (inc. afternoon tea), 1pm, enq: 4344 3131, **ESCC**

**SUNDAY**

**First Sunday of every month**

**Umina Boardriders** meet at Umina Beach at 7am. All ages, male and female. All experiences welcome

**Second Sunday of every month**

**Umina P&C Bushcare**, 9am, enq:

4341 9301, **BWSC Third Sunday of every month**

**Bushcare** Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9am, enq: 4369 2486  
**Ettymalong Creek Landcare**, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, enq: 4342 2251  
**EBWM Fishing Club** competition, Club House in Beach St, Ettalong.  
**Peninsula Environment Group**, Picnic in the Park, 11am-2.30pm, Lions Park, Woy Woy, info @ www.peg.org.au

**Last Sunday of every month**

**Alliance Française "La Petanque"** (the game of boules), 11am-5pm, enq: 0415 309 074  
**Lions Club** Boot Sale & Mini Market, Rogers Park Woy Woy, enq: 4341 4151  
**The Bays Community Group Monthly Aussie Hot Breakfast** \$8.50 adults, \$4 kids Bays Community Hall, Woy Woy Bay

**Every Sunday**

**Fijian Cultural Group**, 11am-4pm; **Coast Community Church Services**, 9am & 5pm, enq: 4360 1448; **Full Life International Church**, 10am-3pm, **PCC Al-anon/Alateen** family support group, Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde, Ettalong, 7pm  
**Patonga Bakehouse Gallery**, 11am, enq: 4379 1102  
**Umina Blue Swimmers Mens Winter Swimming Club**. swim at the Pearl Beach Rock Pool at 9.00am. All ages. New members welcome. until October. 0417655182.

**MONDAY**

**First Monday of every month**

**RSL Womens' Aux**, 9:30am, **EBWMC The Endeavour View Club**, meets at the Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10.30am. Inquiries **4344 3825**  
**Pretty Beach PS P&C**, Resource Centre, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 1587  
**Grandparents Parenting Support Group**, Web Riley Room, Catholic Church, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 9995  
**Country Women's Association meeting**, 10am, CWA Hall, Umina, enq: 4341 5627  
**Indoor Bowls 9am ESCC**

**Second Monday of every month**

**Book Club**, 7pm, enq: Mandy

4342 2482  
**Women 50+ Group Chat, PWHC RSL Women's Auxiliary**, 9am; **RSL Sub Branch**, 2.30pm; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC Killcare Heights Garden Club**, 10:30am, enq: 43601595  
**Coastal Crones (over 50's)**, Friendship group **PWHC Labor Party** Umina/Ettalong Branch, 7.30pm, Umina Library Tearooms, Bullion St, Umina, enq: 43417323

**Third Monday of every month**

**War Widows**, 1pm, 43410286, **EBWMC Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association**, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 2945, **WH**

**Fourth Monday of every month**

**Toastmasters Speechcraft Classes**, 6pm, **EBWMC Labor Party** Peninsula Day Branch, 1pm, **CWA Carers support group**, Group room, Health Service Building, Woy Woy Hospital, enq: 4344 8427

**Last Monday of every Month**

**WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy PS**, 7.30pm, enq: 4341 2931

**Every Monday**

**Umina Cash Housie**, 7:30pm, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC Walking with other Mums** enq: Liz Poole 4320 3741  
**Early Childhood Clinic and Koori Cuppa for Aboriginal families**, (0-5 years) inc. immunisation, 9am-10.30am, enq: 4343 1929; **BFC Yoga**, 9.30am, Ph.4360 1854, **WH Mums Meditation** 10am, Drummung classes 4pm **RBG Dancing**, 9am; **Mahjong**, 12.30pm; **Fitness**, 1pm, **ESCC Gym Sessions**, 8am; **Tiny Tots**, 9:15am; **Circuit Boxing (Women)**, 9am; **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) & 5pm (Senior), **PCYC Carpet Bowls**, 9am; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC Fairhaven Cash Housie**, 7.30pm; **Bingo**, 11am, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC Arts and Crafts** for people with a disability, 11am, enq: 4341 9333  
**Patchwork & Quilting**, 10am; **Pottery**, 10am & 1pm, **EBACC Children's Story Time**, Woy Woy Library, 10.30am, **Occasional Childcare**, 9am; **Central Coast**

## New arrangements for publicity for Not for Profit Organisations

As a community access newspaper, Peninsula News has published details of not for profit community events on and around the Peninsula in a What's On format for over ten years. While this information has been provided free of charge to the community, unfortunately it has not remained current and many changes have not been provided to the newspaper. It was also restricted to regular events, did not include activities outside the Peninsula but likely to be of interest to our readers and did not have a provision for contact information for organisations that do not have a regular activity. Also, because of the nature of the listing being provided in day order, it was

difficult to find specific activities. Starting with our next edition of Peninsula News, this information will be presented in an easier to use format where activities and like organisations will be grouped to make them easier to find and their contact information will be included. It will now also be possible to add specific one off events with information that applies only to that event. All Not for Profit Community Organisations that would like to be included will need to complete the following form and return it to Peninsula News by mail, fax or email together with the nominal payment amount shown where appropriate.

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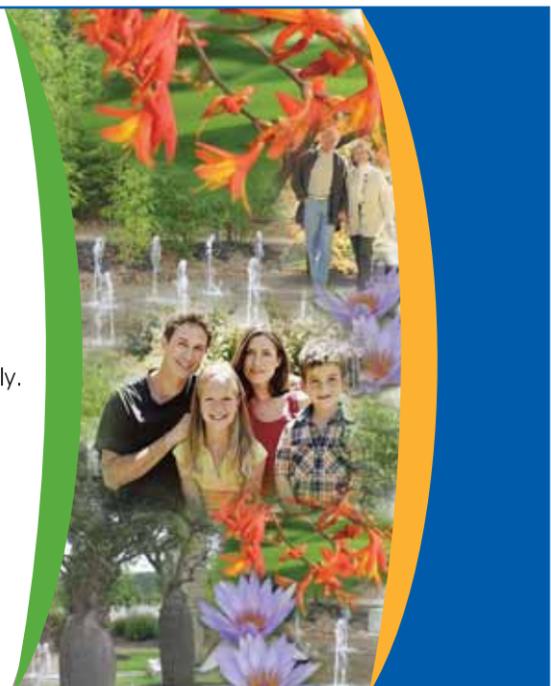
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# Umina Festival - December 12



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*Umina Rotary Chocolate Wheel*



*Umina United Soccer Club BBQ*





Member for Robertson Belinda Neal (second from top right) with graduates of the Break Thru education program

## Graduates in general education

**Seventeen Peninsula residents graduated with a Certificate Two in General Education for Adults at a special ceremony held at Woy Woy Leagues Club on December 10.**

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal was special guest at the graduation ceremony and said she was proud to see 36 students from the Central Coast complete the course.

"This is a great program that offers an alternative for young people who have a lot to contribute

but do not fit into mainstream education," Ms Neal said.

"These graduates have demonstrated great commitment to complete their equivalent of Year 10 to prepare themselves for employment or further education."

The Break Thru program offers young people the opportunity to be re-educated after leaving school before completing the School Certificate.

**Media Statement, 11 Dec 2009**  
**Member for Robertson, Belinda Neal**  
**Press release, 11 Dec 2009**  
**Kerry Hamilton, Break Thru**

## Rotary visits school farm

**The Rotary Club of Umina attended Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus for its annual school farm visit.**

School principal Mr Steve Harris said the club had been a long time supporter of the farm and the school in general.

"Recently, a shipping container, surplus to their needs, was donated to the farm for secure storage of equipment," Mr Harris said.

"The club was once again escorted around the facility by

the cattle club students, and the Rotarians all commented about the maturity and assistance they provided."

Mr Harris said the student's behaviour cemented the reason the club was involved with the school.

"The growth and development of youth on the Peninsula was a direct reflection of the work done on the farm," Mr Harris said.

**Newsletter, 30 Nov 2009**  
**Steve Harris, Brisbane Water Secondary College**

## Teagan has small footprint

**The principal of Woy Woy South Public School attended the Gosford Council Greenhouse Program Awards at Laycock Street Theatre on November 30.**

School principal Mr Terry Greedy said all participating schools received an award and Woy Woy South's was collected by Abby Casey on behalf of the school.

"Year 6 student Teagan Morgan placed second in the stage three project competition which was against other schools across the Gosford area," Mr Greedy said.

"Teagan was rewarded with prizes and an award for her work on leaving smaller footprints on the environment."

**Newsletter 1 Dec 2009**  
**Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School**

## New assistant principal

**Ettalong Public School has a new assistant principal Ms Jodie Campbell.**

Ms Cambell has been working at the school two days per week for the past year in the role of school learning support coordinator, according to school principal Mr Colin Wallis.

Mr Wallis said she had

outstanding skills in classroom teaching, educational leadership and student welfare.

"She will be an outstanding addition to our team," Mr Wallis said.

"Jodie will take up the position from the commencement of the 2010 school year.

**Newsletter, 8 Dec 2009**  
**Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

## Carols raise \$1000

**Woy Woy Public School P&C has raised \$1000 through its annual Christmas Carols.**

P&C president Mr Mark Ellis said the event, in its second year, was proving to be a successful fundraising effort for the school.

"Amongst the carol singing, the Good News Church trio got the crowd participation going and was a hit with the younger kids.

"School leaders Ali O'Brien, Rachel Potter, Zane Smith and Lauren Riley along with Larissa Anthony assisted throughout the night.

Mr Ellis said the money would go towards funding projects for next year including new playground equipment.

**Press release, 9 Dec 2009**  
**Mark Ellis, Woy Woy Public School P&C**

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 Tickets available at the door. see [www.troubadour.org.au](http://www.troubadour.org.au)  
**4341 4060**

### Public Notices

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club  
 Sunday, December 20, 8am to 1pm  
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Founding members of Umina Surf Life Saving Club celebrate 50 years of keeping the local beach safer for the community

## Surf club celebrates 50 years

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special celebration weekend recently.**

More than 100 current and former members of the club gathered for an informal get together to kick off celebrations followed by a family day out of activities and a memorabilia collection display at the club house.

Club publicity officer Mr Carl Krucler said the club looked

forward to providing a safe beach environment for Peninsula residents and visitors for another 50 years.

"The Saturday evening event saw acknowledgement of achievements by members since our humble beginning in 1959 in a tent by some young former members of nearby Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

"MCs for the evening, Garry Mensforth and life member Brett Harrod, regaled those present with recounts of sporting accolades

and significant contribution by club members to surf life saving procedures and policy.

"Amongst those in attendance were founding members John Breakwell, Jim Butt, Graham Stockley and Tony Collins.

"They were each presented with a framed copy of the original affiliation letter from Surf Life Saving Australia."

**Press release, 27 Nov 2009  
Carl Krucler, Umina Surf Life Saving Club**



## Liam scores 170 runs

**Fourteen-year-old Liam Clement scored 170 runs as opening batsman for Umina's ninth grade team against Toukley recently.**

Club publicity officer Mr Gary Blake said the Umina junior performed a starring role and proved to be the highlight of the round for the club.

"Liam and his brother Jacob are just two of a number of talented juniors playing in our ninth grade team with other regular contributors to this team including Tom Frazer, Adam Miller, Ashley Gassman and James Smith," Mr Blake said.

"As a result of the team's outstanding effort, Umina ninth grade team at 7/312 defeated Toukley with 73 runs."

In other results:

First grade – Mountains 7/167 (Craig Di Blasio 3/57, Jason Creese 2/30) and 0/45 defeated Umina 113 (Craig Di Blasio 35) and

97 (Troy Spicer 25).

Second grade – Umina 192 (Simon Woods 47 not out, Brenton Leggett 26) and 6/88 (Stephen Gregg 45) defeated Mountains 156 (David Ford 7/44) and 7/173 (Ross Watson 3/57, David Ford 2/37) first innings win.

Third grade – Umina 6/283 (Steve Glasscock 98, Gary Blake 70, Andrew Glasscock 37) defeated Gosford 248 (Josh Wakem 6/59) first innings win.

Fourth grade – Gosford 172 (Michael Baxter 4/50, Peter Jones 2/10, Luke Silis 2/42) and 2/169 (Luke Silis 2/7) defeated Umina 134 (Mitchell Manson 39 not out, Trent Smith 30) and 5/139 (Rick Jones 35, Peter Jones 31 David Munson 29) first innings loss.

Seventh grade – Umina defeated Doyalson on forfeit.

**Press release, 1 Dec 2009  
Gary Blake, Umina District Cricket Club**



Ettalong WBC president Joan Booth with Peter Hogg and carnival winner Bev Bartles' team

## Ham and turkey bowls carnival

**Ettalong Women's Bowling Club hosted its annual Ham and Turkey Carnival on November 23.**

Club publicity officer Ms Maureen Kerr said three greens were filled to capacity as teams from the Central Coast and as far away as Pennant Hills took

part to win a ham or turkey for the Christmas table.

Ms Kerr said two games of 15 ends were played for the event.

"At the end of the day, there were four minor prize winners who received puddings, wine and chocolates," Ms Kerr said.

"Major prizes went to runners-up

June Lee of Ettalong and her team with two wins and a +41 margin who won a turkey breast each and the outright winners Bev Bartle and her team from Umina with two wins and a +42 margin who received a half a ham each."

**Press release, 3 Dec 2009  
Maureen Kerr, Ettalong Women's Bowling Club**

## Award to bush biker

**A group of local bike riders has recognised one of its members for their endless service to the Peninsula community with a special award of appreciation.**

The Mad Dog Bush Bikers club has presented Woy Woy resident Mr Bill Heber with an award of recognition.

Fellow rider Mr John Greenway of Pearl Beach said the fit and energetic Mr Heber has been organising bike rides for seniors in the area for the past five years.

"Every Monday, Bill takes them on a planned ride through the fire trails of the Central Coast," Mr

Greenway said.

"He has also taken riders on trips up to Newcastle and Cessnock.

"If this is not enough, he has been a member of the Tea and Coffee Kayakers group for 10 years, a group of mostly seniors that set off from Lions Park in Woy Woy every Thursday at 9.30am to paddle across the scenic Brisbane Water.

"Bill had also been involved for more years than he can remember with the Umina Surf Life Saving Club.

"His motto should be an example to all: Keep fit, keep young."

**Email, 1 Dec 2009**

**John Greenway, Pearl Beach**

## Water Sports



Members of the Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club join major sponsors Ocean Beach Holiday Park to celebrate the club's new boat

## Ocean Beach dominates in pool rescue

More than 250 athletes took to the water for the NSW Surf Life Saving Pool Rescue Championships at the Peninsula Leisure Centre in October.

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club took out the club point score and dominated teams across all ages.

Events such as obstacle swims, manikin carries, medley relays and emergency response competitions were contested at the centre.

From Under-13s to Masters, all entrants had the chance to showcase their rescuing skills in preparation for the Interstate

Championships in January.

The event will include pool rescue competitions for the first time.

Surf Life Saving NSW surf sports manager Ms Jodi Thomas said she was delighted at how the day turned out.

"It is great to see such an increase in entries for pool competition in NSW," Ms Thomas said.

"The elite level of competition seen here puts NSW in a strong position to defend our Australian Interstate champion title in 2010."

Newsletter, 9 Dec 2009  
Surf Life Saving NSW

## New boat for competition

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has a new competition boat and it is already seeing the results.

"The new craft has already paid dividends and made our crews much more competitive with finals performances from all three crews in the first couple of rounds of the Peter's Series Surf Boat competition," according to surfboat manager Mr Ian Backhouse.

"The Under-19s women's crew took out first place in the Peter's Series final at Terrigal while the Under-23s division finished in fourth place at Stockton recently.

"This is a sensational performance given that we have a new crew this year and one rower Olivia Brown has never rowed before."

Mr Backhouse said the purchase was made possible mostly through

sponsorship by NRMA's Ocean Beach Holiday Park.

"The club works closely with Ocean Beach Holiday Park on a couple of other levels," said club secretary Ms Christine Lavers.

"We patrol the southern end of Ocean Beach looking after the public and the patrons of the holiday park.

"Bob Powell, our chief instructor, also runs surf awareness and safety courses for parents and children at the holiday park during the school holidays.

"At times we provide lifeguard supervision of their swimming pool as well."

Park manager Ms Vanessa Fordyce said the holiday park was building a strong relationship with the surf club.

"We have used the facilities of the surf club for our staff Christmas

parties," Ms Fordyce said.

"We also recommend the club rooms for conferences and group meetings.

"We are very proud of our commitment to the community through our ongoing involvement with the surf club.

"Overall the relationship between Umina surf club and Ocean Beach Holiday Park has many benefits for both parties and we hope it will continue to provide the club members, public and our patrons with many and varied opportunities into the future."

Meanwhile, the Umina club recently finished first overall in the Masters Carnival in Killcare while the junior division of the club finished second overall in competition at Wamberal Beach.

Press release, 1 Dec 2009  
Christine Lavers, Umina Surf Life Saving Club

## Water polo

The Woy Woy Wombats Water Polo Club has won all games against The Entrance in competition at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on December 9.

Woy Woy Men's A division defeated The Entrance 17 to six while the women's beat the club 13 to one at fulltime.

The women's and men's B division also saw defeat with a 12 to one and seven to four defeat, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Men's C Division scored seven points against The Entrance's three to take out the game for the night.

Email, 10 Dec 2009  
Jan Sillato, Woy Woy Water Polo Club

## Ocean swim

Killcare resident Shane Ross took out the open 400 metre division of the Toowoona Bay Ocean Swim competition late last month.

This was the second consecutive year the 16-year-old Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving member won the open 400 metre division.

The ocean swim was held in good conditions attracting more than 350 competitors from across the state.

Website, 8 Dec 2009  
Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club

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## Petitioners support mini-soccer field

**Gosford Council has received a petition with 534 signatures from local residents supporting the conversion of a bowling green into two miniature soccer fields at the Sporties at Woy Woy club.**

The petition states that the project is important to the continuing future of the bowling club and will not disadvantage local residents, according to a council report.

The development application was lodged by Kick Off Pty Ltd in early October and features two soccer fields to fit within the existing bowling green on the site and would be used for five-a-side soccer competitions.

Last month, council received a petition objecting to the development application containing 91 signatures from concerned local residents.

Council agenda P.58, 1 Dec 2009

## Council organises holiday activities

**Surfing, swimming and tennis are among the holiday activities organised by Gosford Council on the Peninsula.**

A two-day and a four-day learn-to-surf program will be held at Umina Beach throughout December and January for participants 10 years and up.

Various water activities have been organised for the Peninsula Leisure Centre including a three-week intensive learn-to-swim program.

Children will have the opportunity to learn water polo skills with a special training clinic while swimming stroke correction lessons will also be available.

Pool slippery slides will also be available at the Peninsula Leisure Centre at allocated times throughout the school holidays.

The Peninsula Leisure Centre will also host several sports clinics for children interested in improving their skills in indoor soccer, basketball and netball.

A tennis camp will be held by the Peninsula School of Tennis in Umina for all levels and abilities

starting from a one-day lesson to a five-day camp.

A Kids Club will start in early January and will include indoor and outdoor activities such as art and craft, games, sports, movies and water activities.

The Kids Club is available for children aged five to 12 years.

A similar program will be available in February for children aged two to five years, designed to promote core areas of development and cognitive skills.

The nine-week program will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

The Peninsula Leisure Centre will host an eight-week junior soccer competition every Saturday morning from January 30 and a Wednesday afternoon competition from February 10.

An Under-10s, Under-12s and Under-15s division will be offered to interested participants.

For more information and bookings, phone council on 4325 8123.

Flyer, 8 Dec 2009

Andrew Stuart, Gosford Council

## Former star makes comeback bid

**Four-time premierships winning winger David Maryska has taken the next step in his bid to make a comeback for the Woy Woy Roosters next season.**

After signing for the club in September, Maryska has joined fellow Roosters first grade hopefuls in their pre-Season training program, according to club marketing and promotions manager Mr Peter Read.

"The star of the club's 1998, 1999 and 2001 first grade premierships wins has played 76 first grade games for Woy Woy and hopes to add to that tally in 2010 alongside his brother Mick, who has moved across from Ourimbah," Mr Read said.

"Dave presently sits in second place behind another Woy Woy great Greg Hillard on the club's all-time pointscoring list with 732 points, and in 2001 broke the club record for the most points scored in a first grade game with 46 against Berkeley Vale.

"In breaking this record, Dave scored a club record seven tries and kicked nine goals.

"While playing with the Roosters between 1998 and 2002, Dave played in three first grade premierships winning teams, a reserve grade premierships winning team (2000), represented the Central Coast division in 2000



and 2001 and was Central Coast Rugby League's first grade highest point scorer in 1998 (184 points) and 1999 (176 points)."

Mr Read said with a record like this, all Woy Woy Roosters supporters would be hoping to see Maryska once again don the famous red and white in the top grade next year.

"I loved my time at Woy Woy and missed the club a lot," Mr Maryska said after spending the past six years playing rugby union with Avoca.

"If it works out I will be stoked to play with my brother Mick, but if it doesn't I will be a part of the club's support team."

Press release, 1 Dec 2009  
Peter Read, Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club

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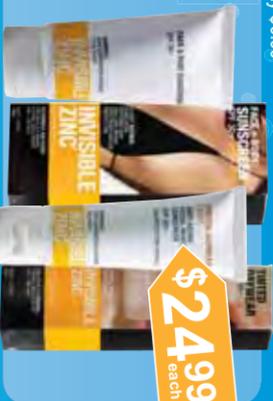
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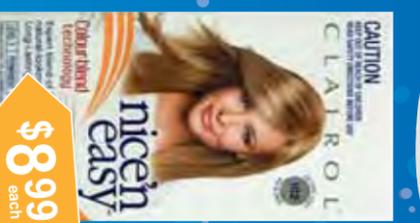
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